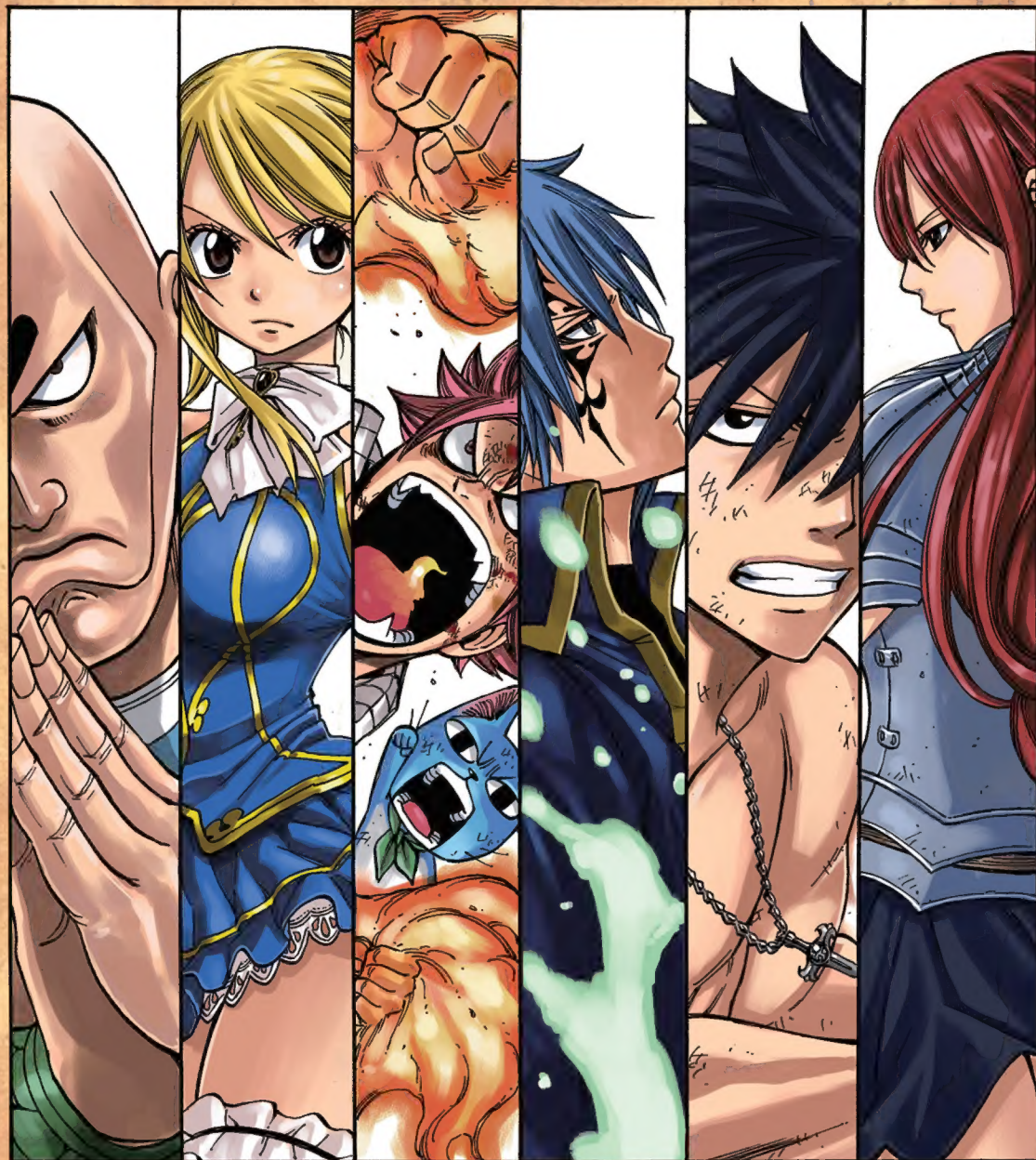


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*Hiro Mashima*  
Creator of *Rave Master*

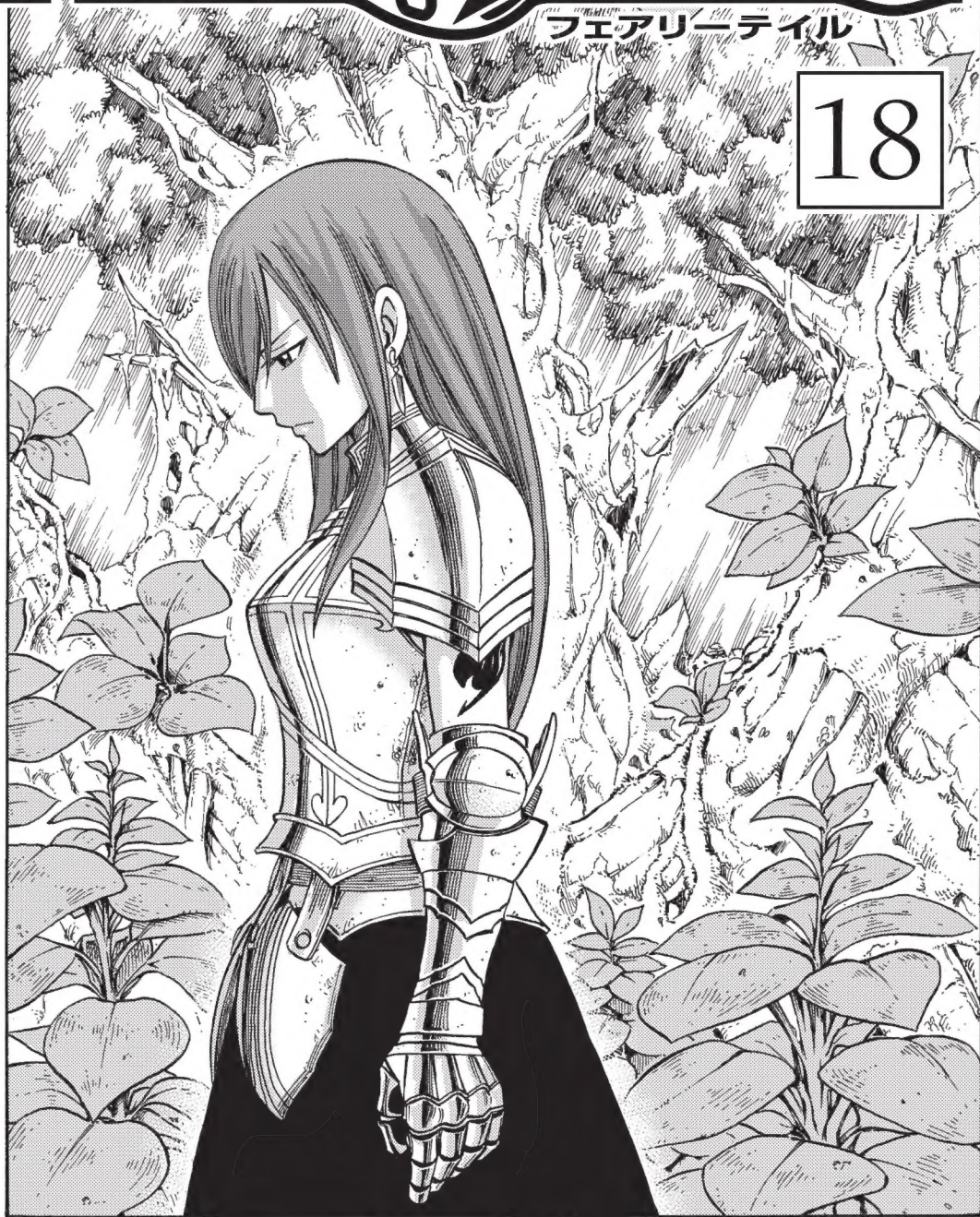




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HIRO MASHIMA



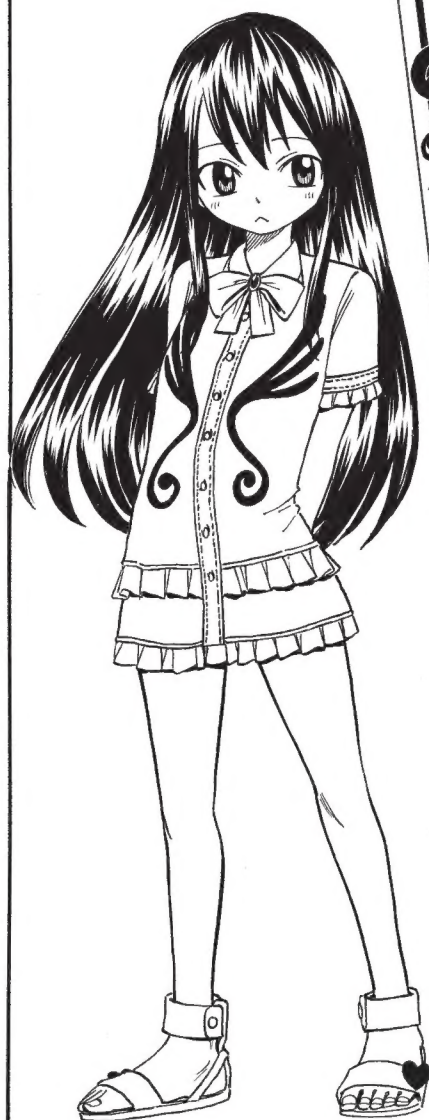


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## Remarks

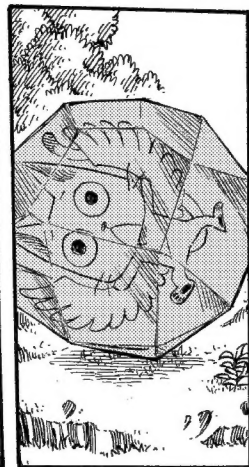
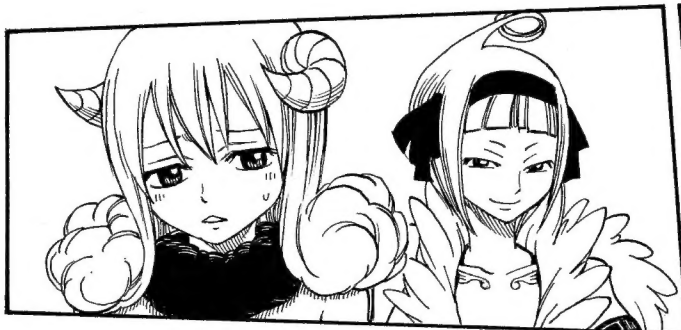
This young member of the wizard guild Cait Shelter is a Sky Dragon Slayer Wizard. She learned how to heal wounds from a dragon. Her magic comes from air; the cleaner the air, the stronger the magic. In polluted air, her magic doesn't work at all.

Seven years ago, the dragon that raised her, Grandeeney, went missing, just like the dragons who trained Natsu and Gajeel. When she heard rumors of Natsu, she felt she needed to meet him, so she volunteered for this mission.

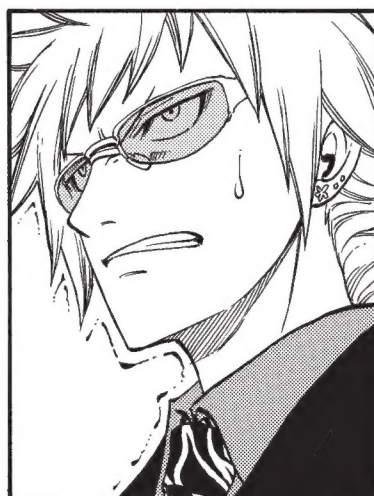
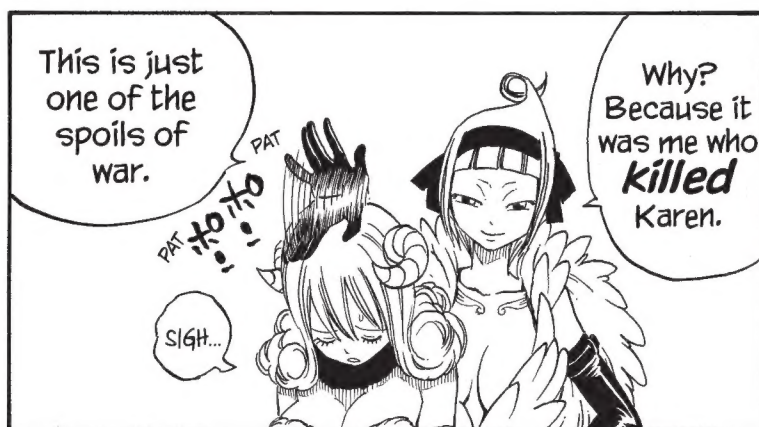
For Wendy, who is usually extremely shy, volunteering took a huge amount of courage.

## Chapter 144: Pretty Voice













I'm sorry to do this so soon after you just saw her again, but...

Close



No, I can't...!!!  
If I start falling into this kind of thinking, my soul will be stolen by Nirvana!

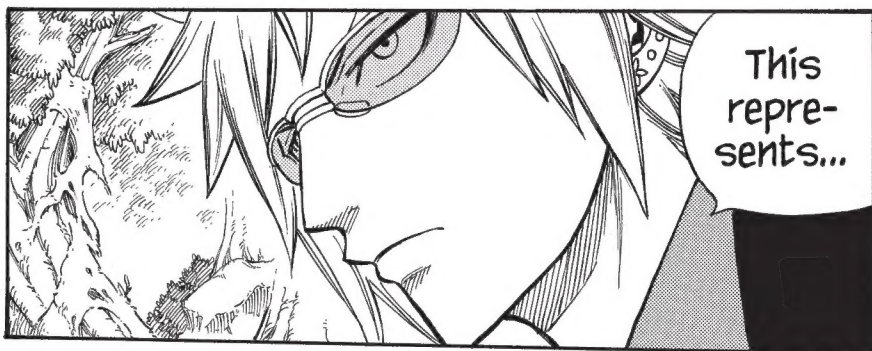
Dammit!  
I can't...  
I can't think of that...



She and I may have been friends at one time... But now we have different owners, and we will fight as enemy Celestial Spirits for those owners.



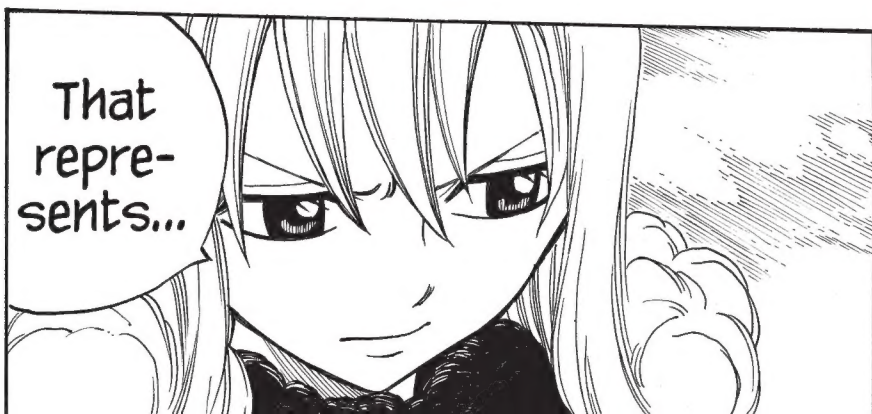
Don't undervalue me, Lucy.



This represents...



I may owe my life to my opponent, but for the sake of my owner, I will fight him as an enemy!

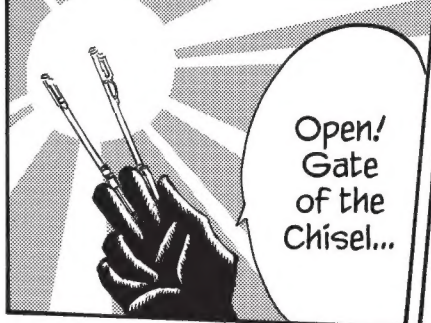


That represents...

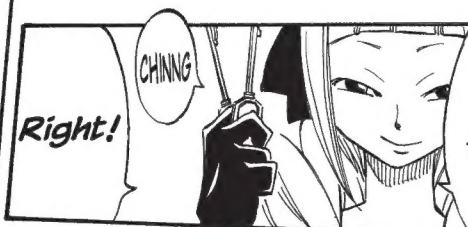








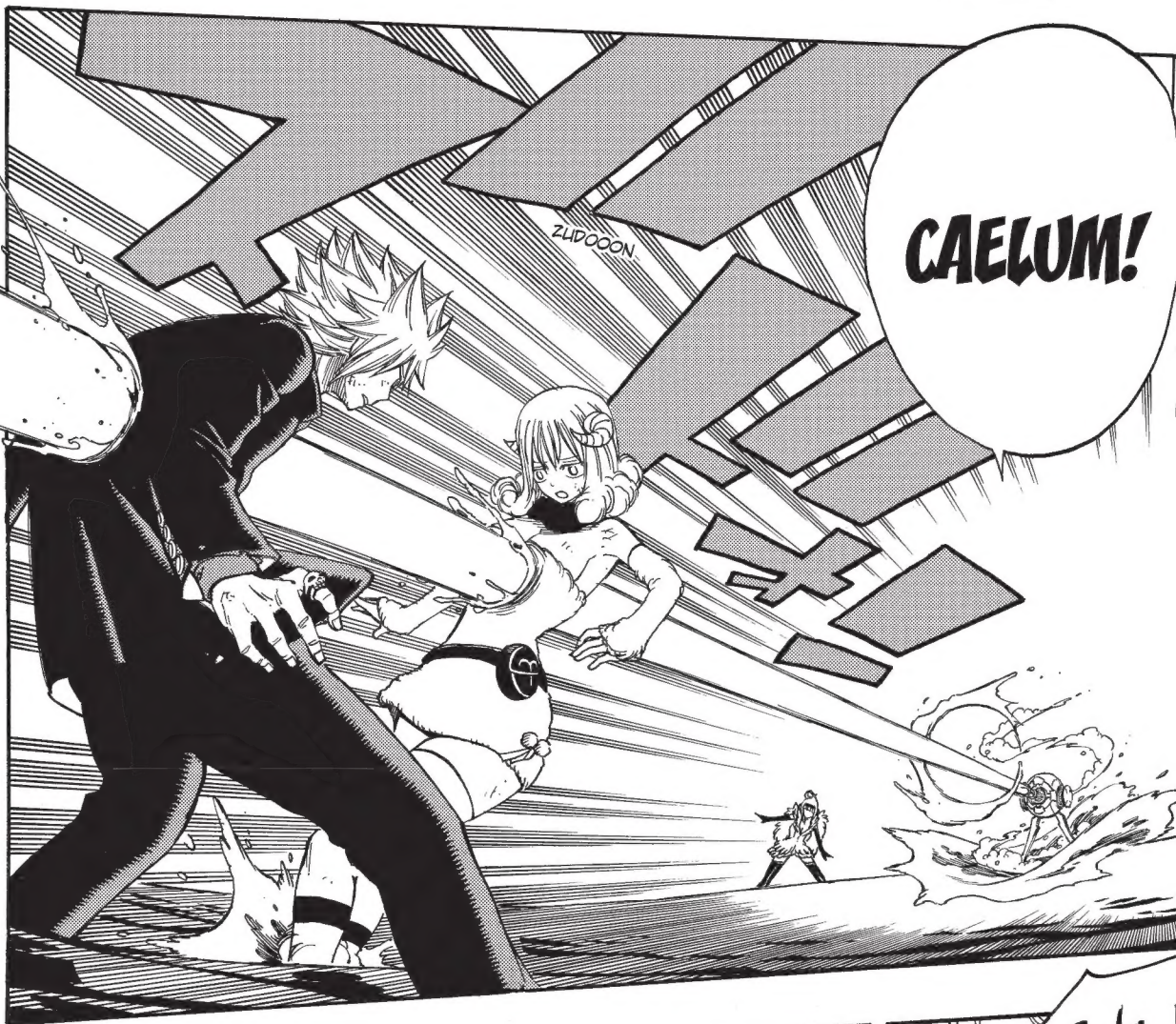
Open!  
Gate of the  
Chisel...



CHING

Right!

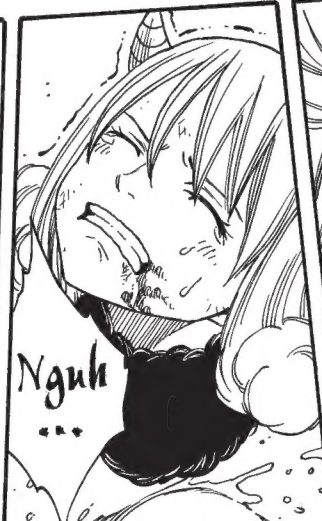
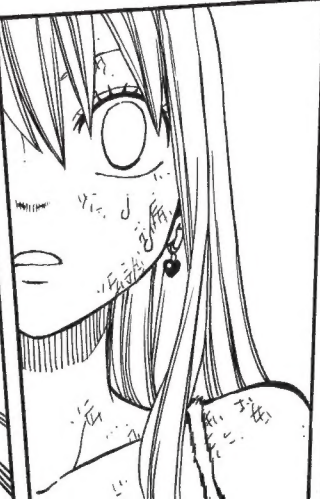
No... I  
suppose she  
is a bad match  
for a battle-use  
Celestial Spirit  
like Loke...



CAELUM!



Ah ha ha!!  
Nicely  
done!



Nguh



Gah!



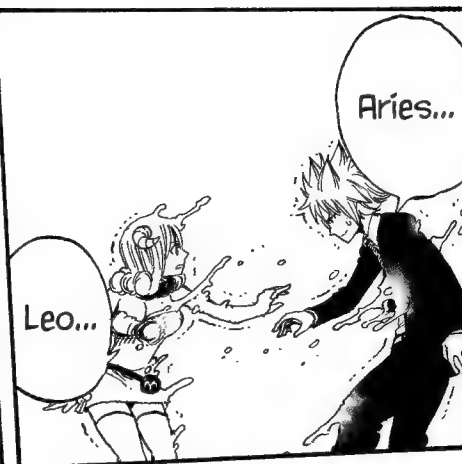


You've  
found  
a good  
owner...

I'm so  
glad...



Forgive  
me,  
Lucy...

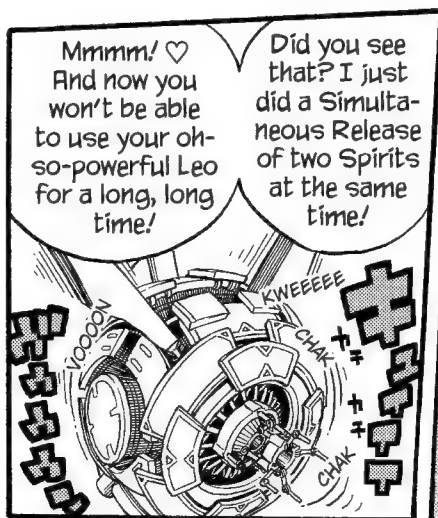


Leo...

Aries...

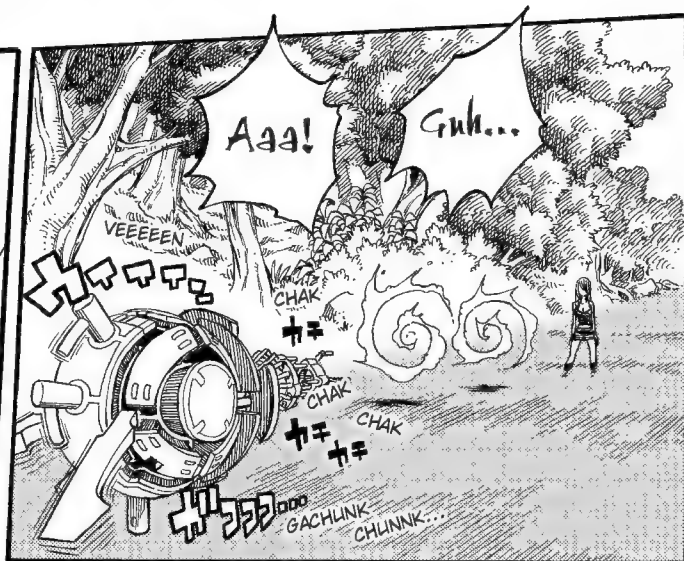


She did  
that to her  
own spirit...



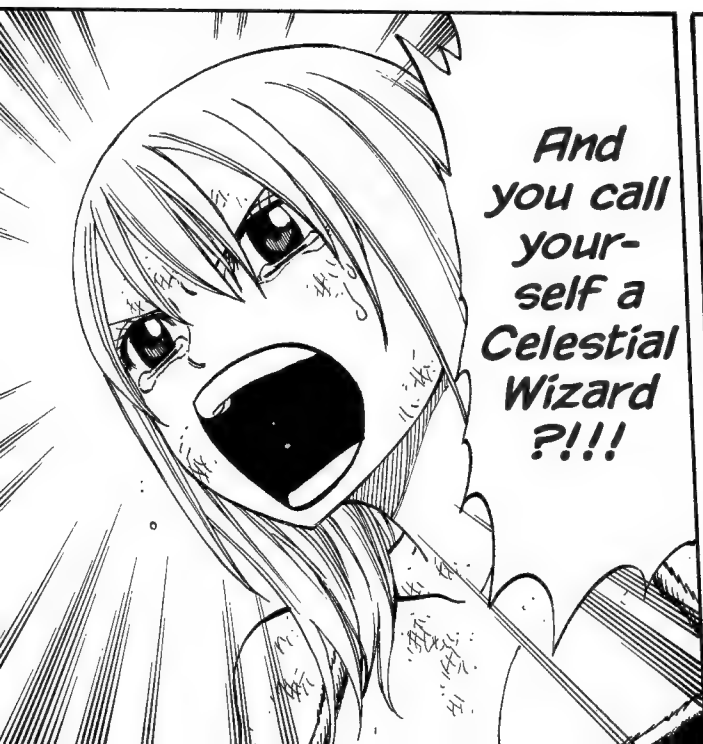
Mmmm! ♡  
And now you  
won't be able  
to use your oh-  
so-powerful Leo  
for a long, long  
time!

Did you see  
that? I just  
did a Simulta-  
neous Release  
of two Spirits  
at the same  
time!



Aaa!

Guh...

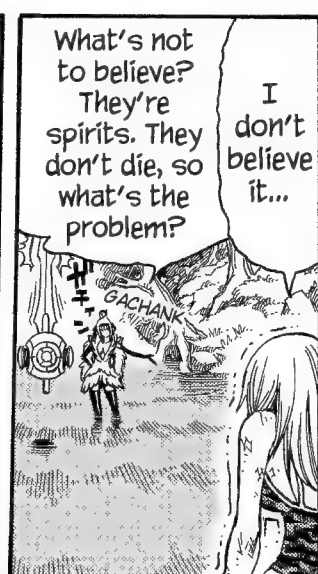


And  
you call  
your-  
self a  
Celestial  
Wizard  
?!!!



They  
have  
senses  
and  
emo-  
tions!

But  
they  
feel  
pain  
...

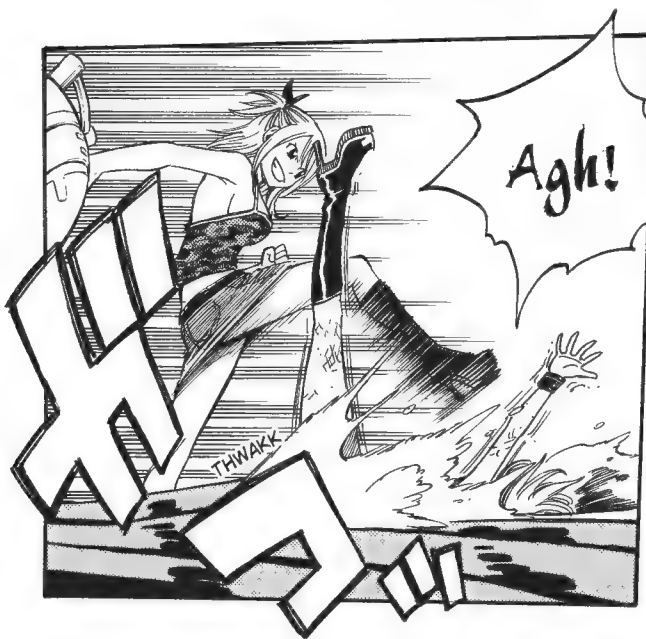
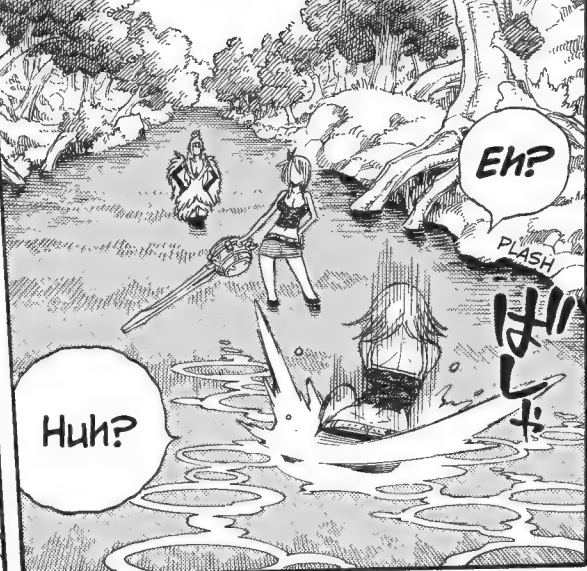
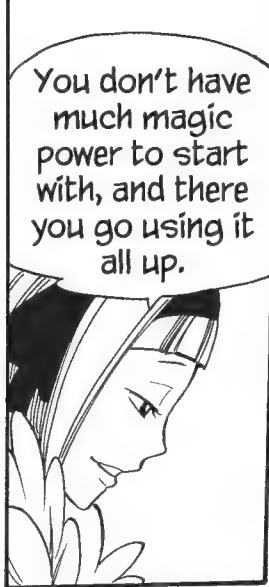


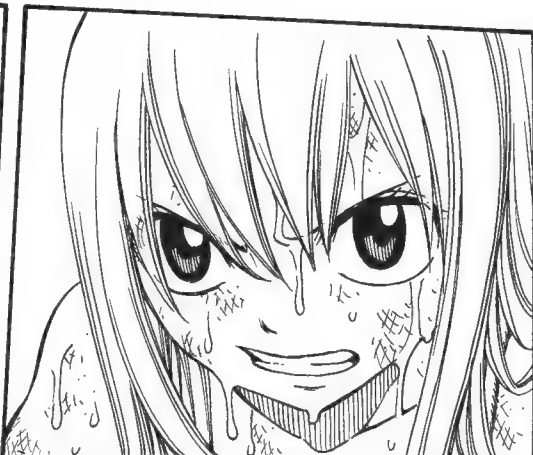
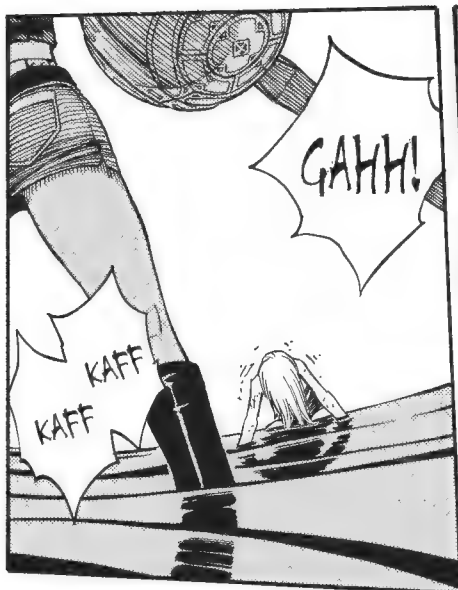
What's not  
to believe?  
They're  
spirits. They  
don't die, so  
what's the  
problem?

I  
don't  
believe  
it...















Let her be together with Loke...

The only ones who can give them that is us Celestial Wizards. Just us...



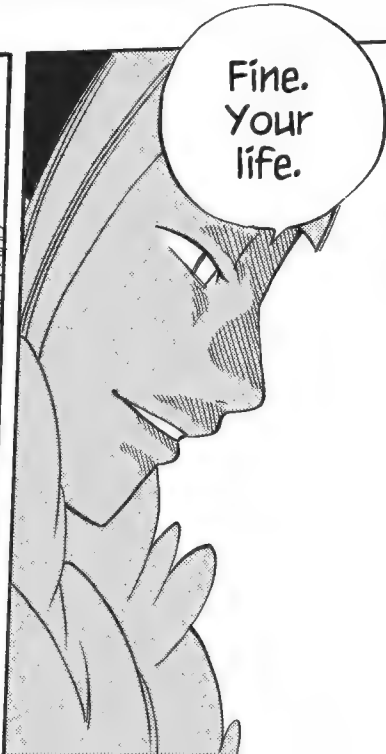
I'll give you whatever you want... Not my keys, but anything else!!!



With nothing in it for me?

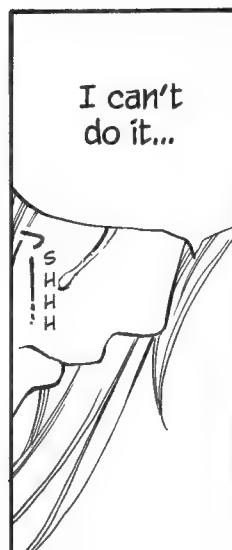
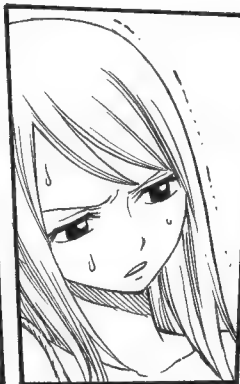


Gemini, kill her.

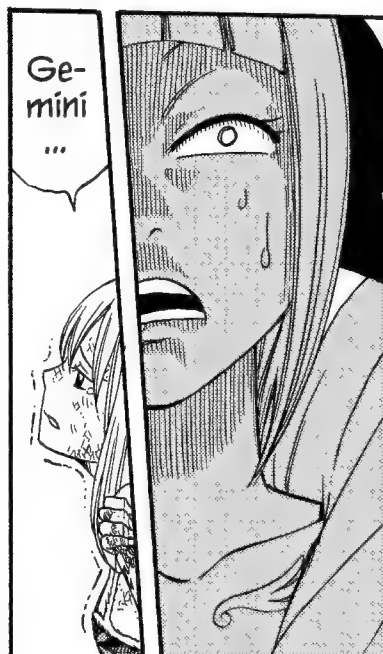
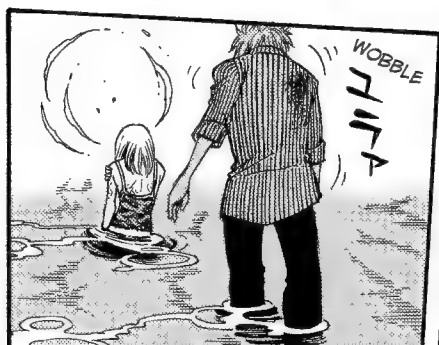


Fine. Your life.

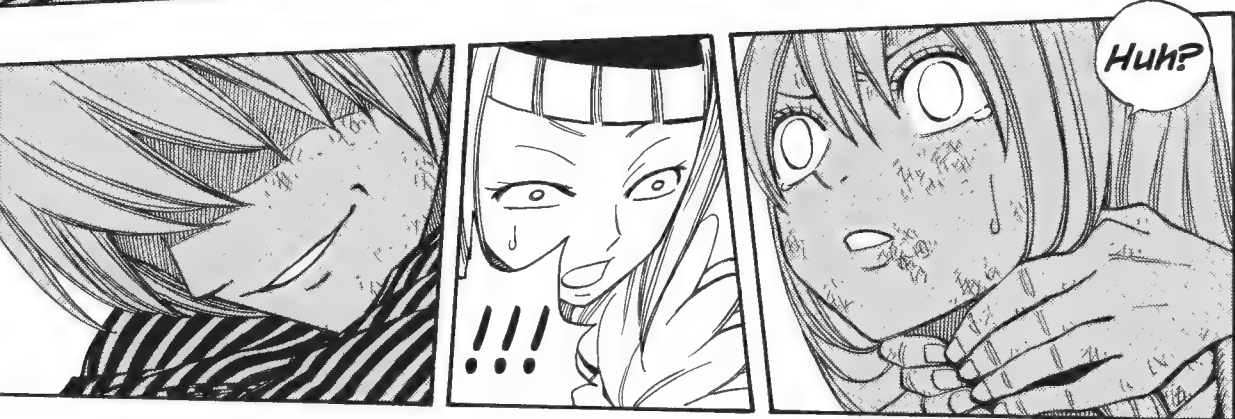






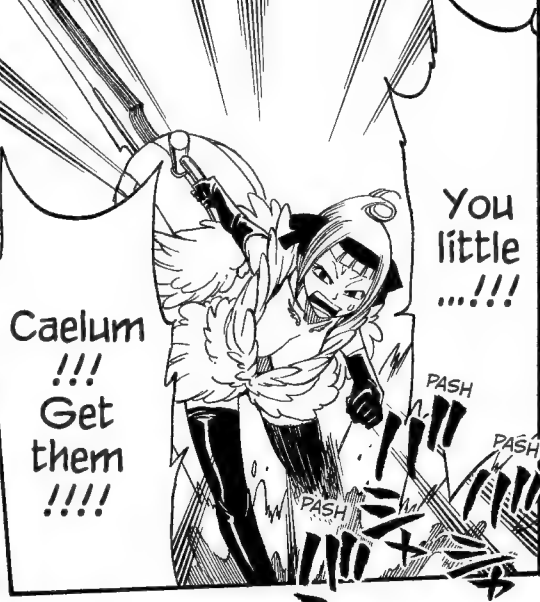










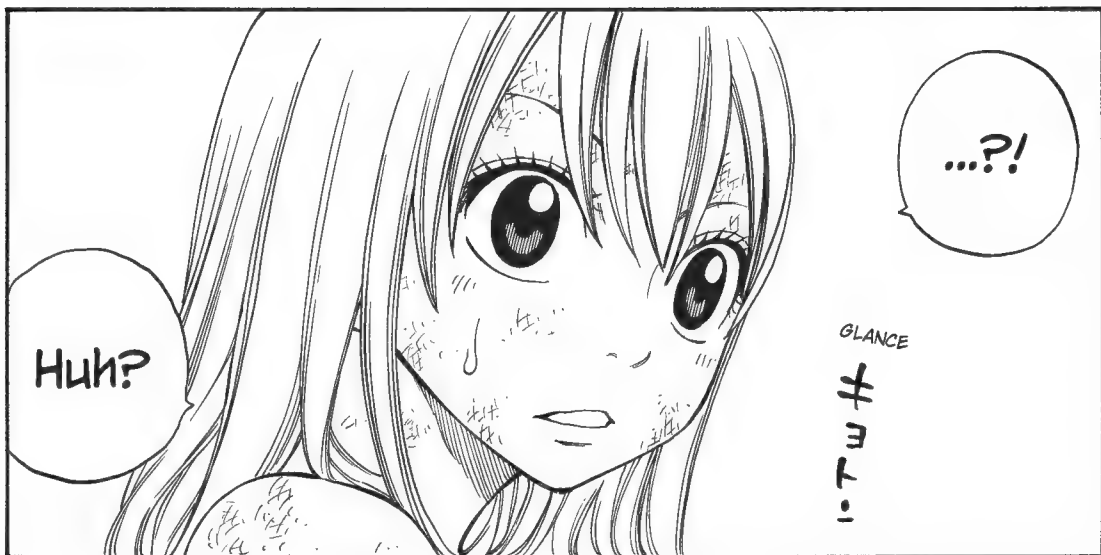
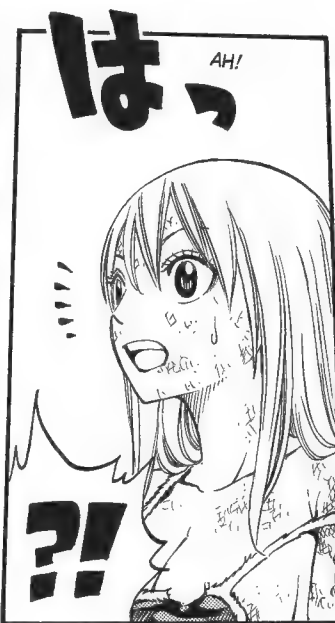


**URANO  
METEORIA  
!!!**

**A  
A  
A  
A  
!!**

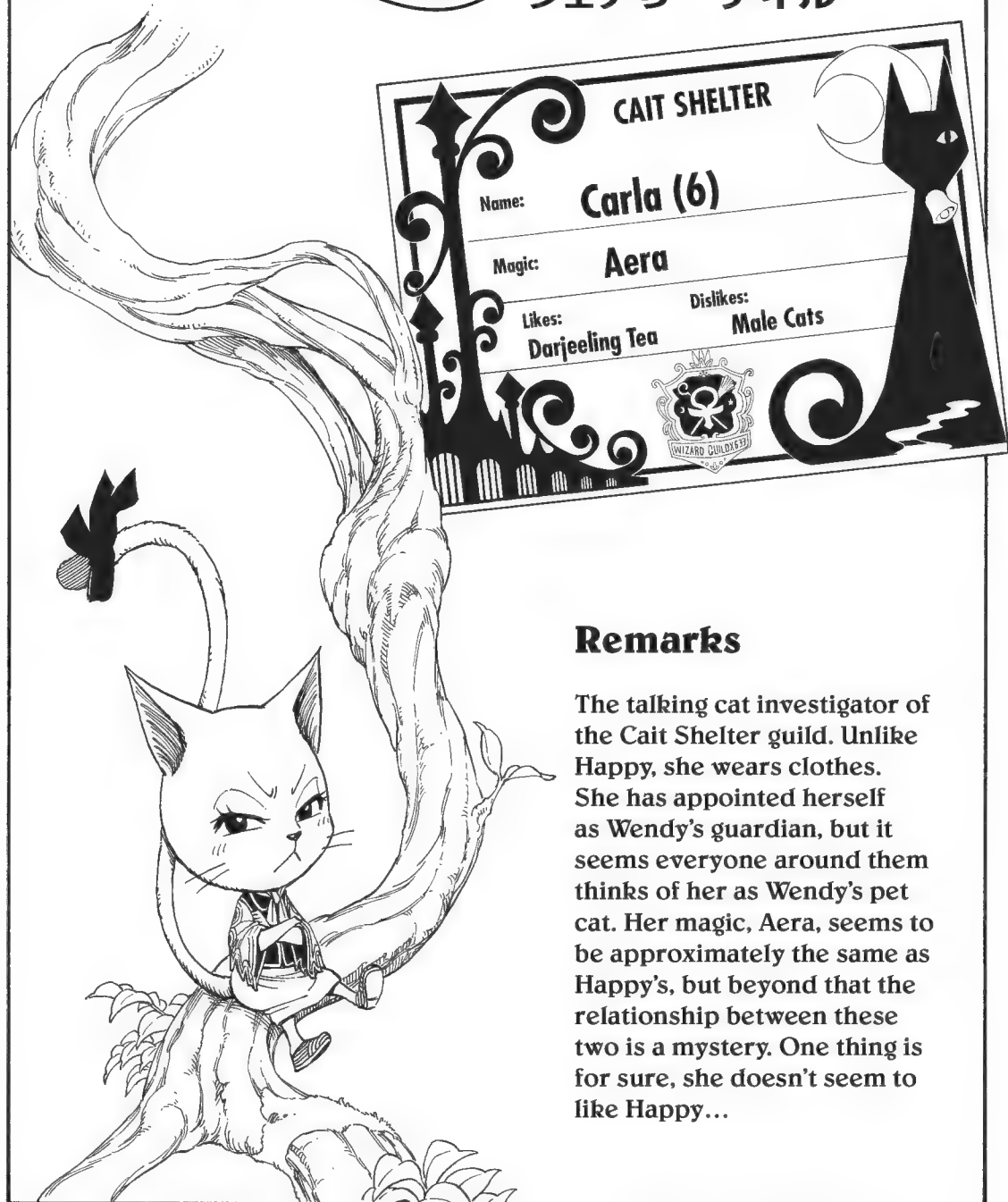






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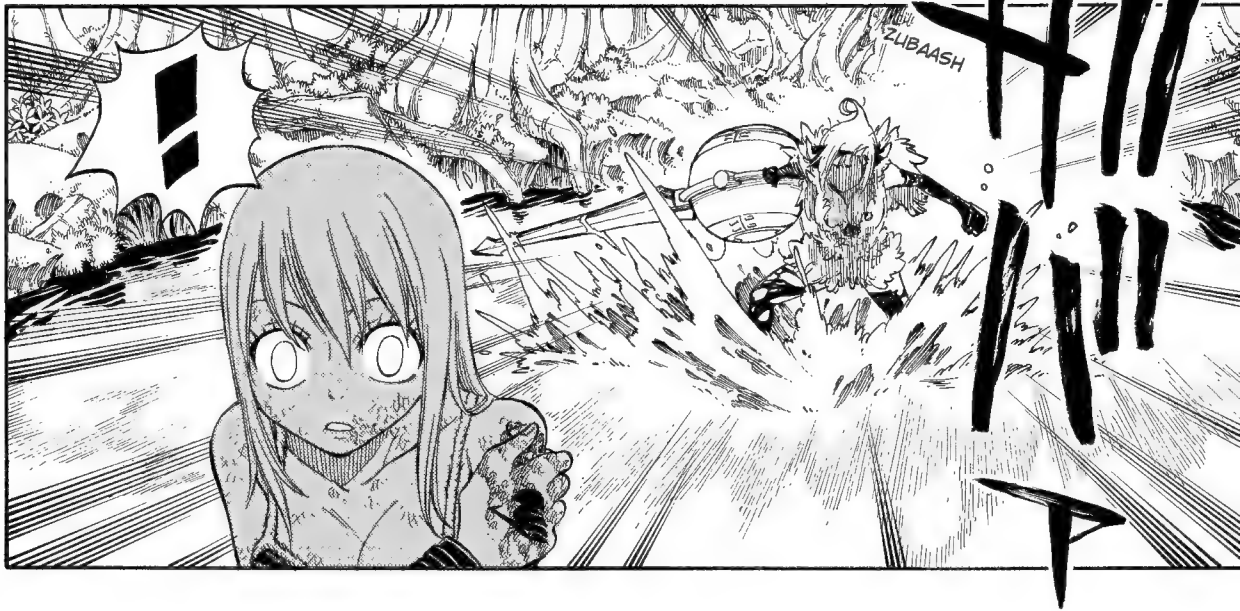
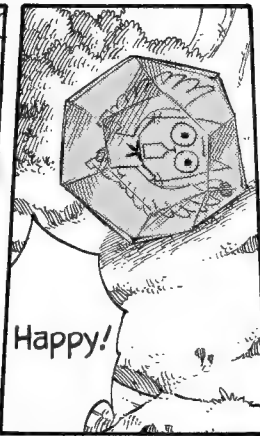
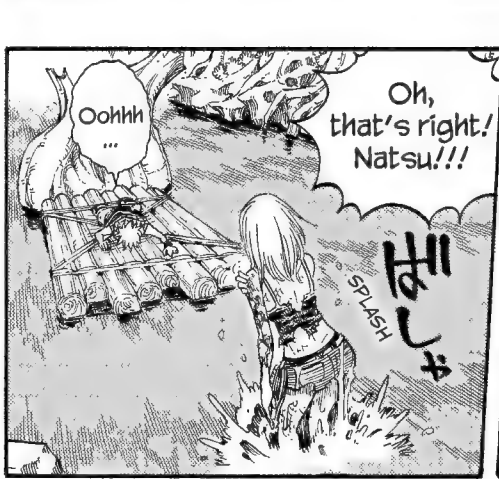


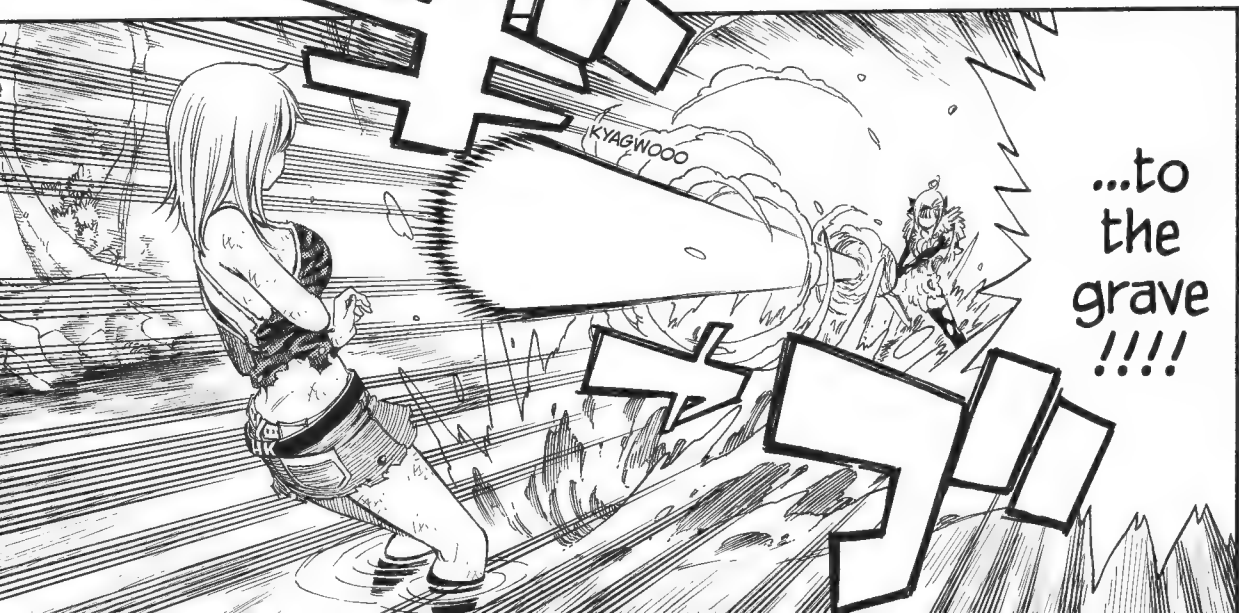
## Remarks

The talking cat investigator of the Cait Shelter guild. Unlike Happy, she wears clothes. She has appointed herself as Wendy's guardian, but it seems everyone around them thinks of her as Wendy's pet cat. Her magic, Aera, seems to be approximately the same as Happy's, but beyond that the relationship between these two is a mystery. One thing is for sure, she doesn't seem to like Happy...

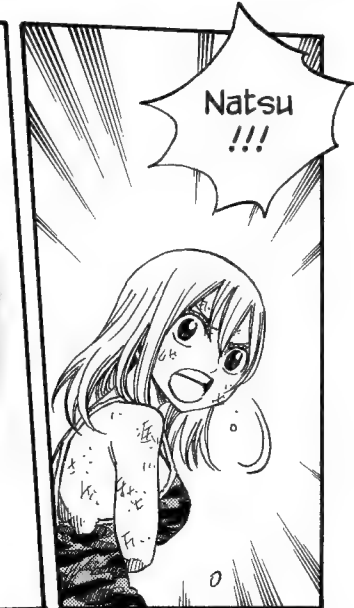
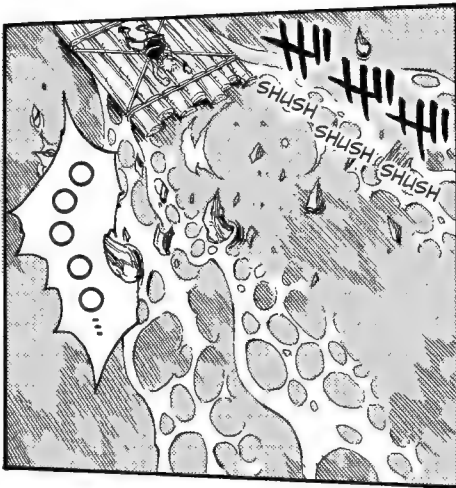
## Chapter 145: Memories of Jellal

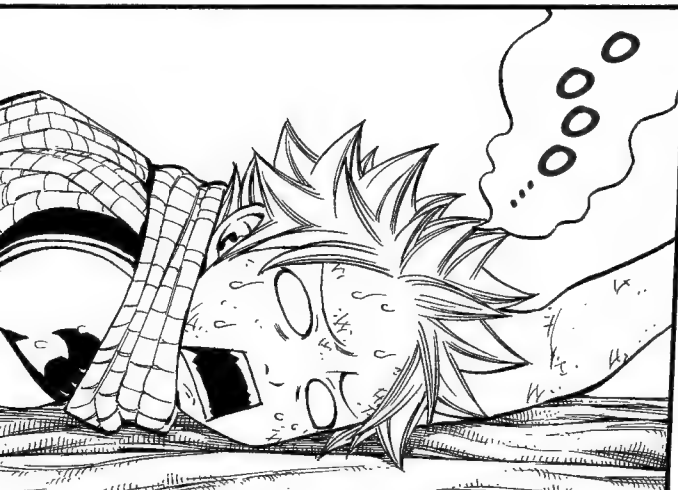




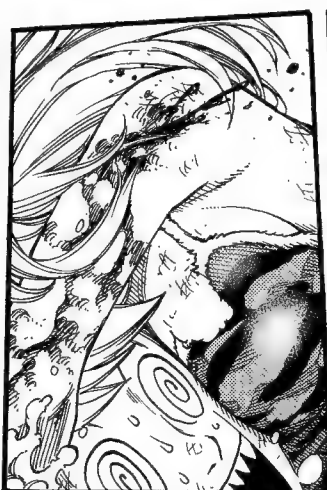






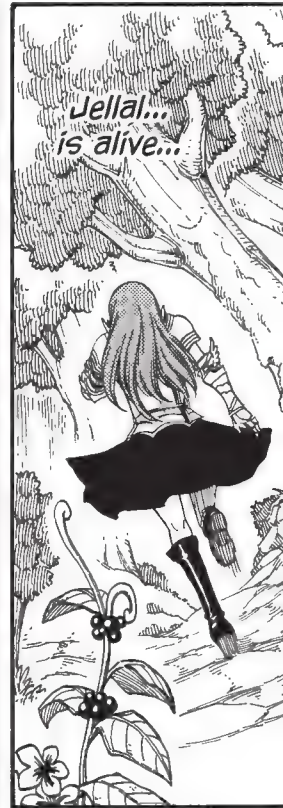
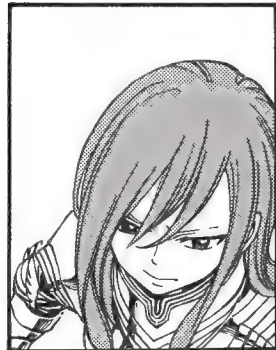
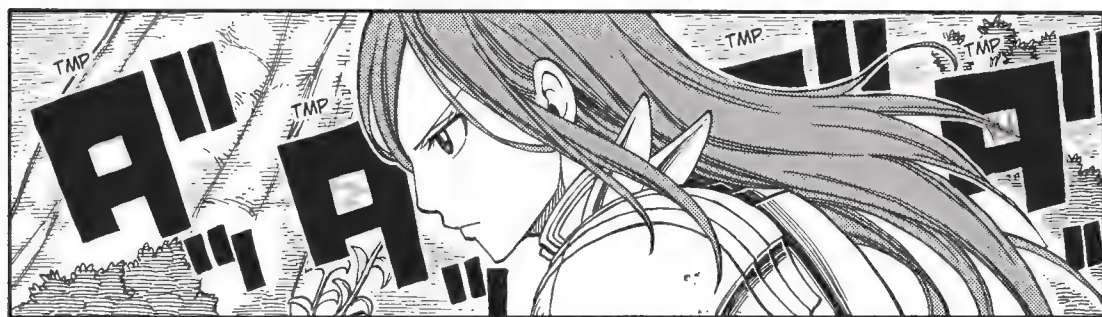


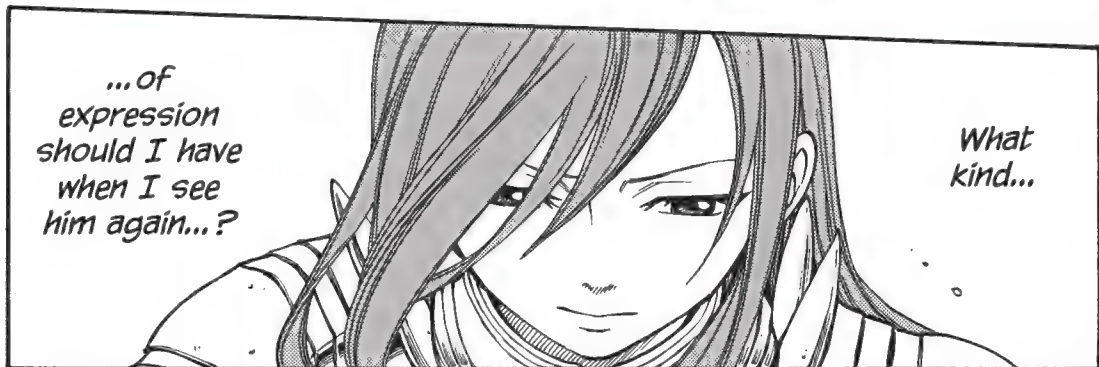
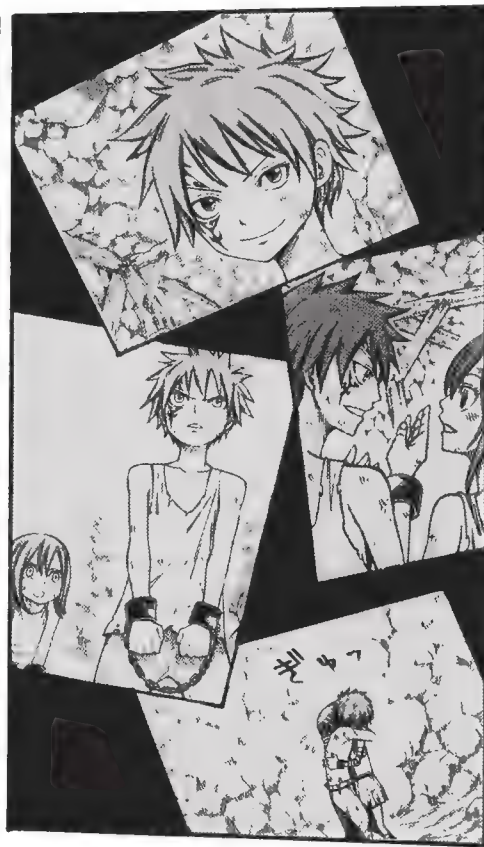
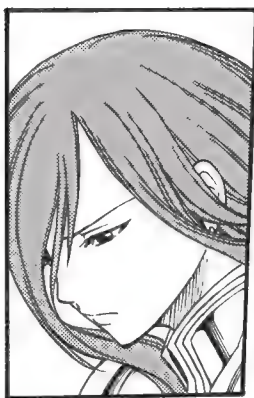




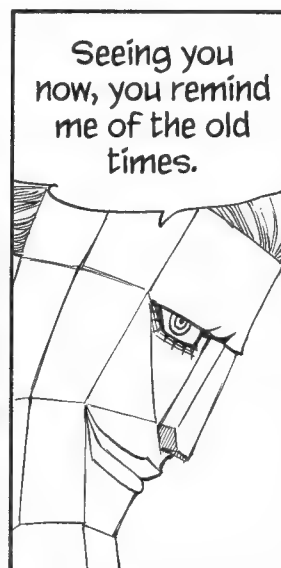
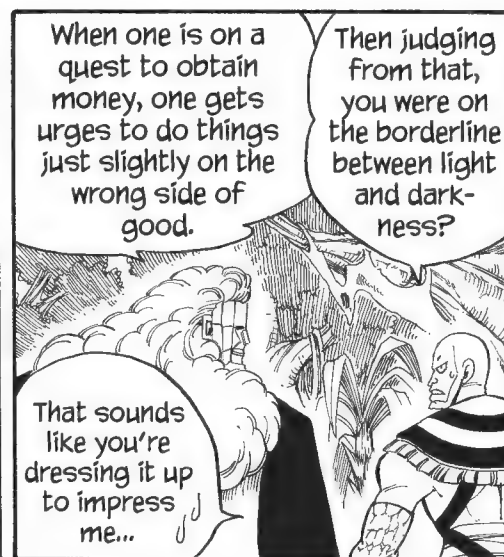


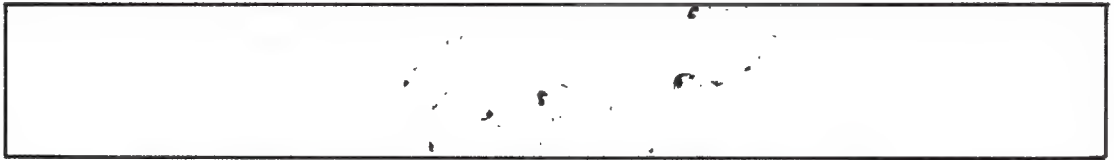
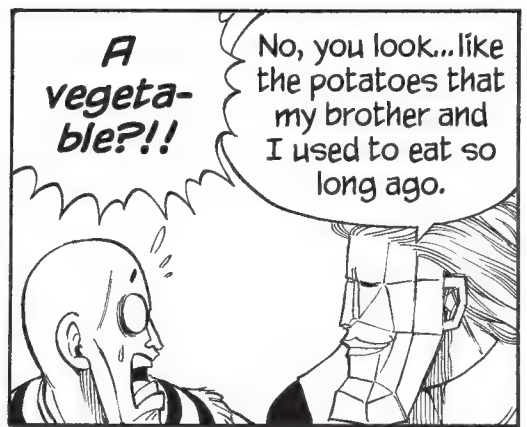
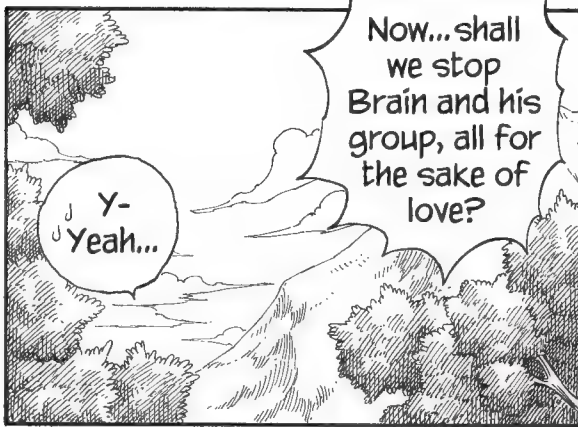




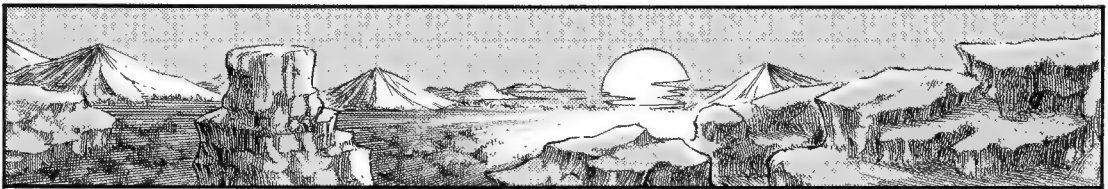


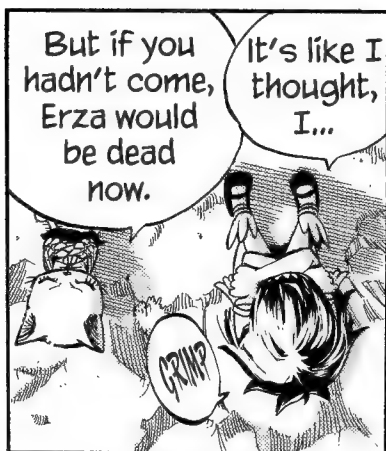




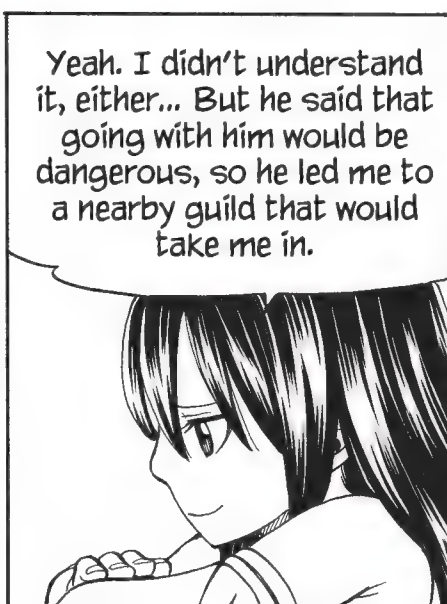


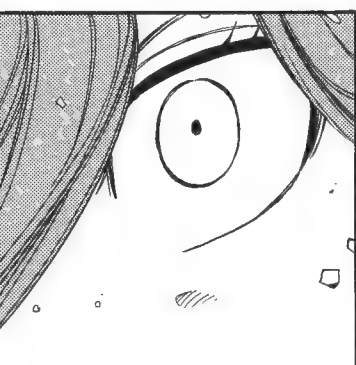
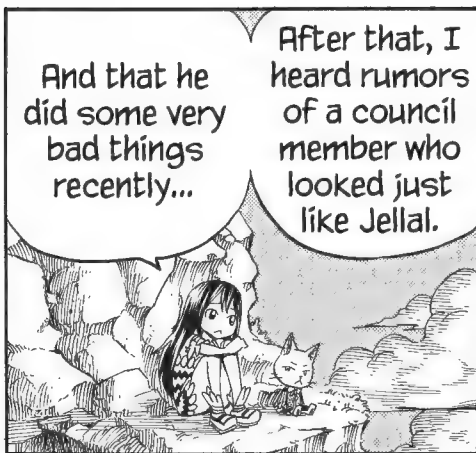




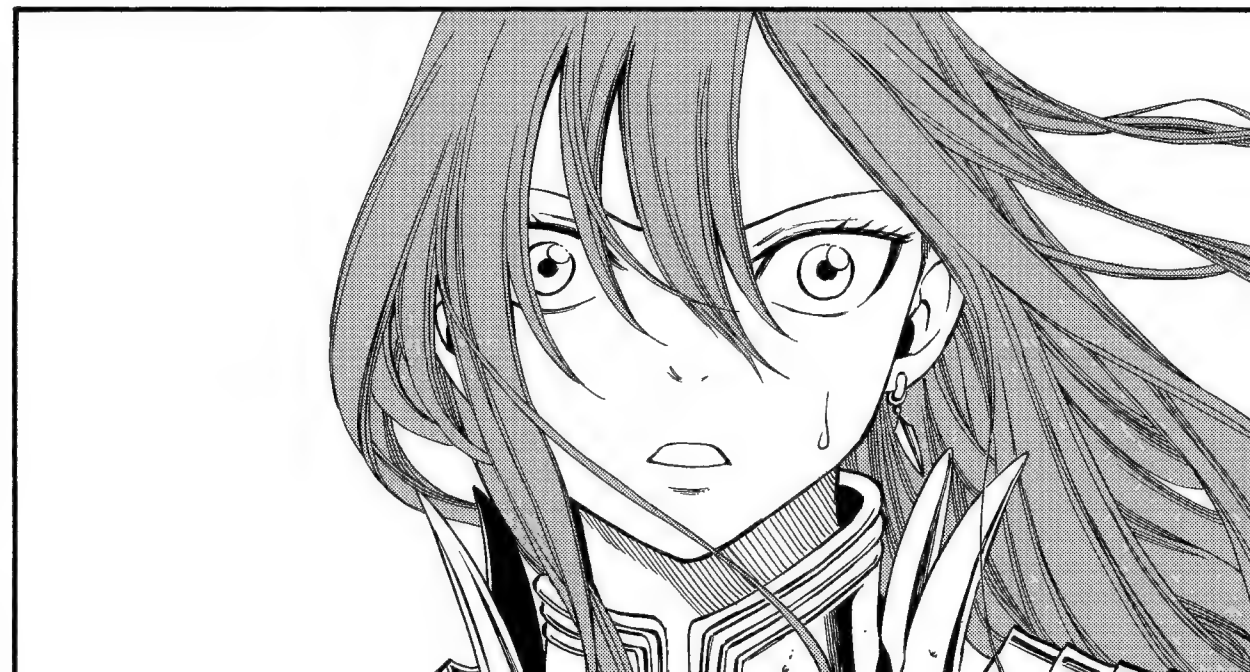
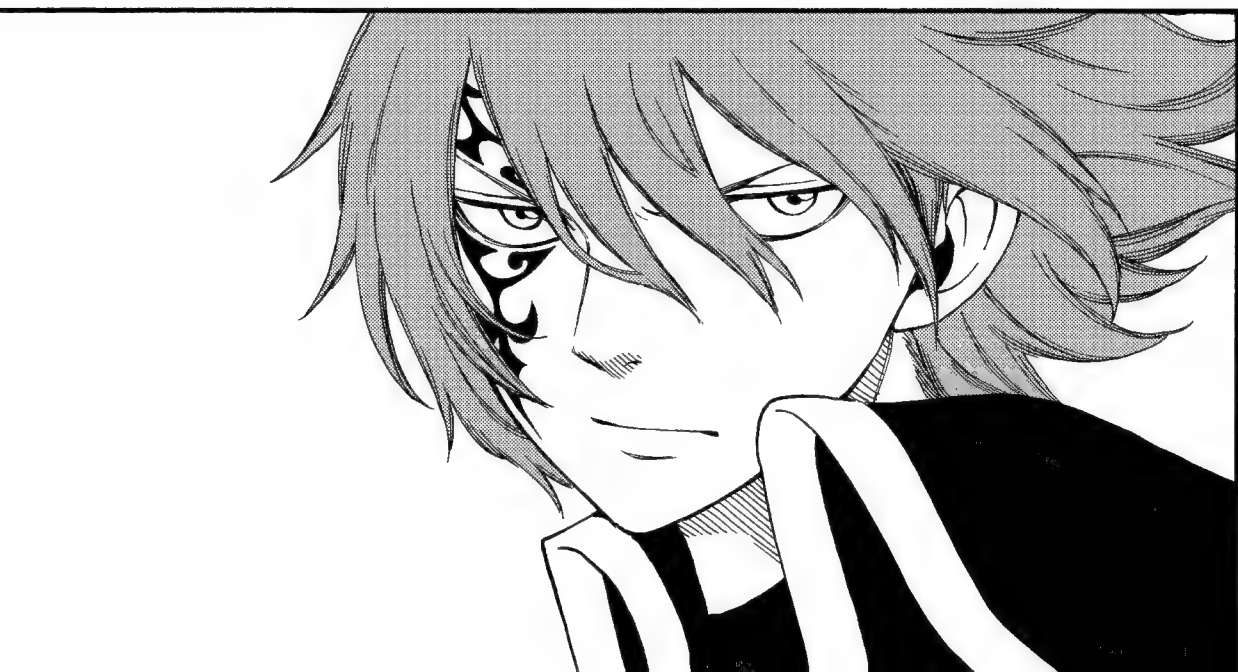














Well, I can't let her kill Jellal until we get the true form of Nirvana moving!

Dammit!!!  
She got this close, and I didn't even notice...



Erza ?!!

She's been revived ?!



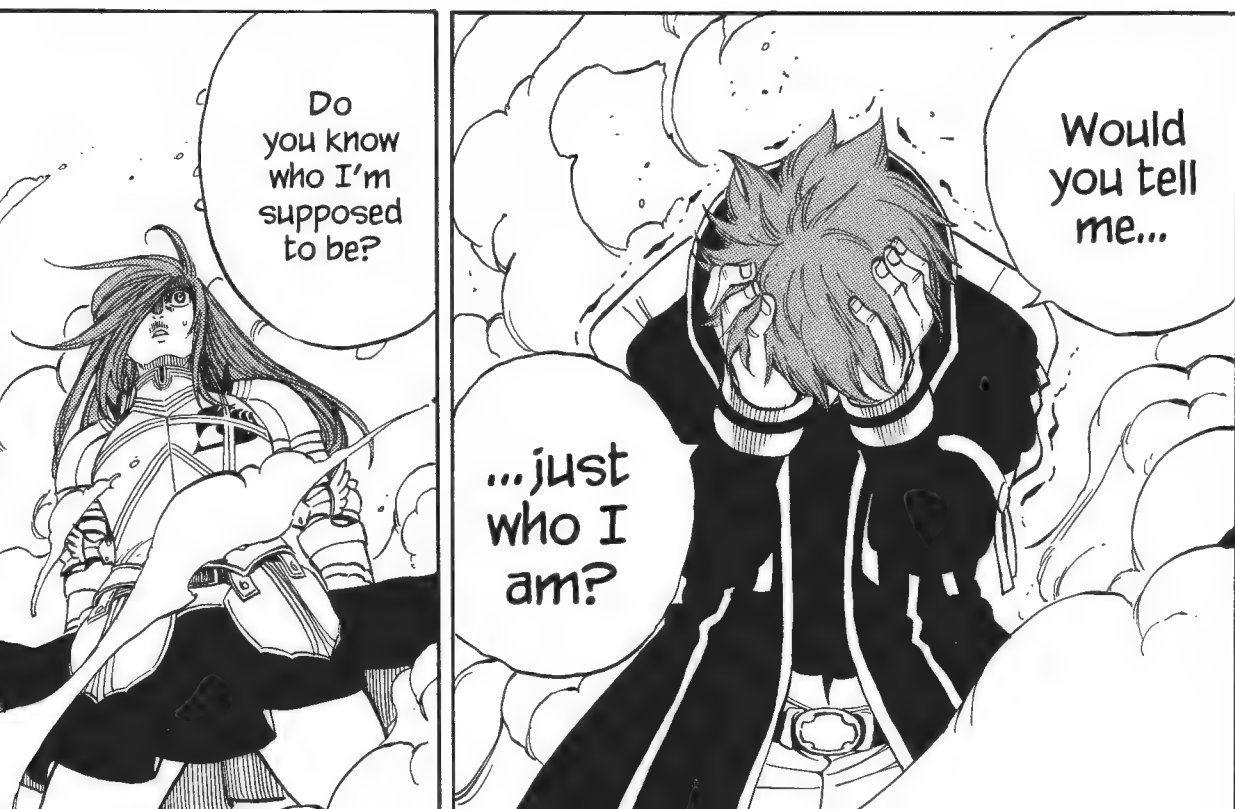
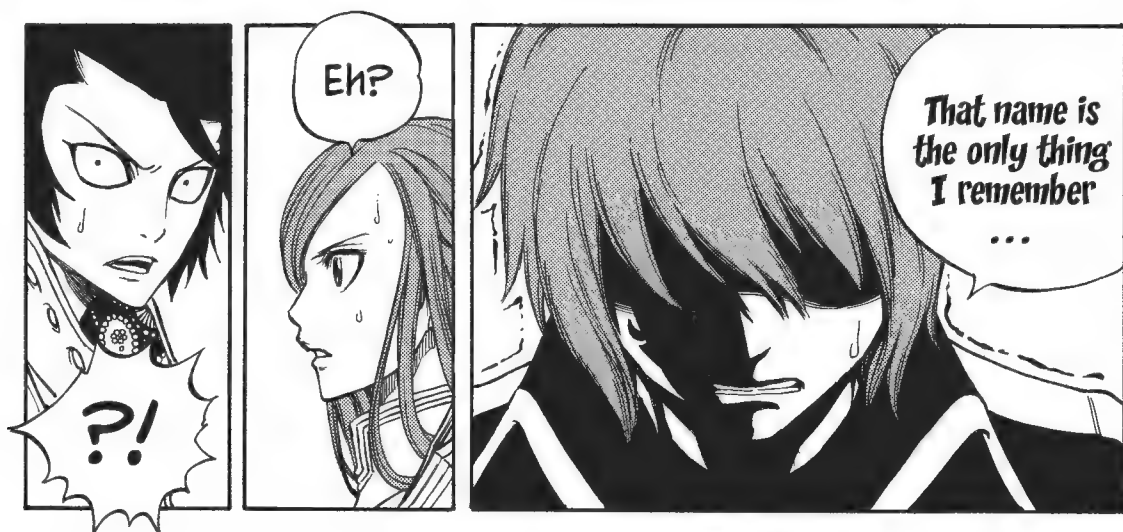
Erza...



...

Jellal.

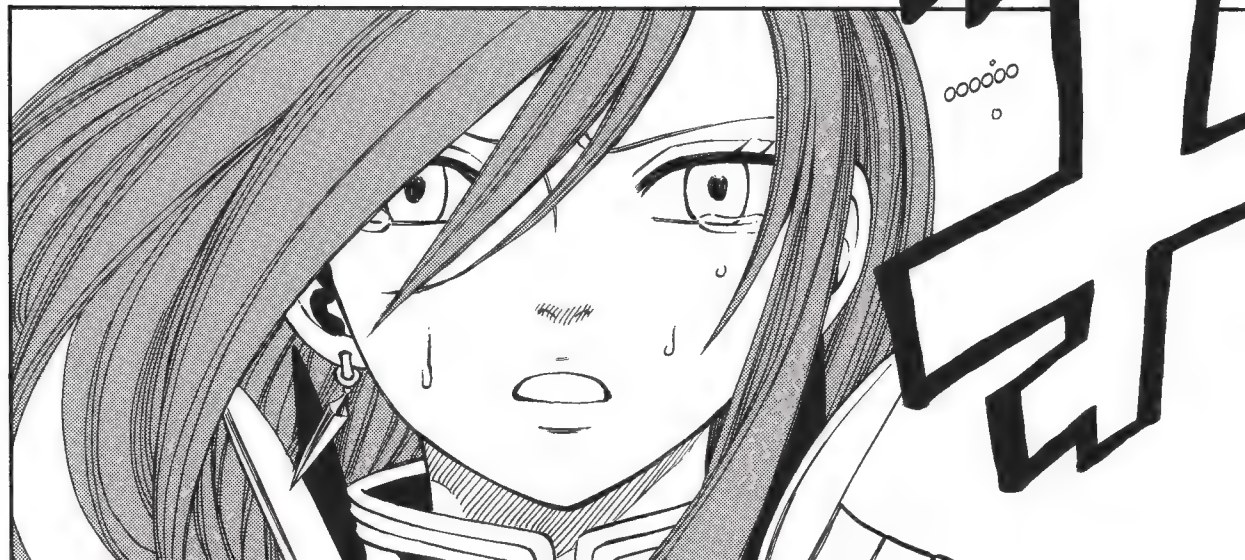






Who  
is this  
"Erza"?

I can't  
remember  
anything!

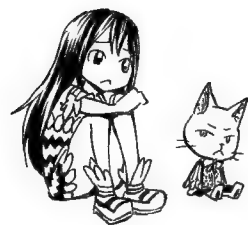


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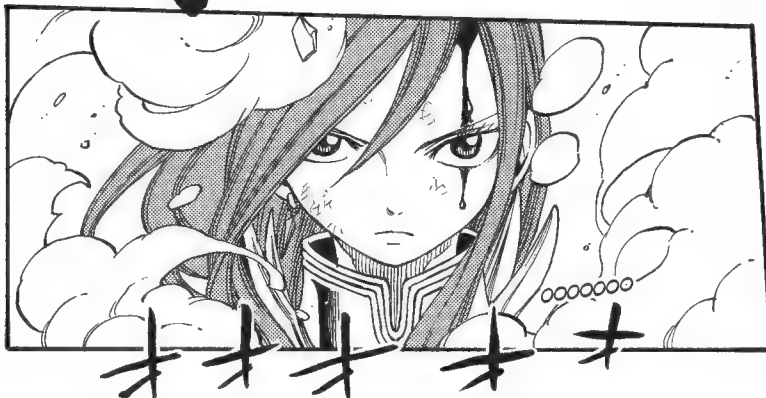


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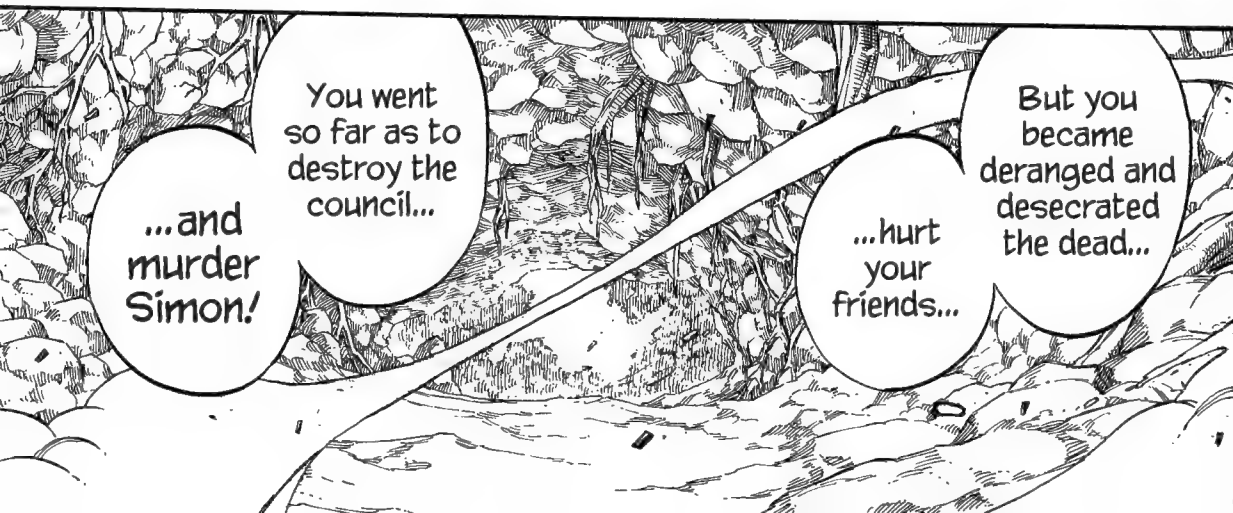




## Chapter 146: You Are Free



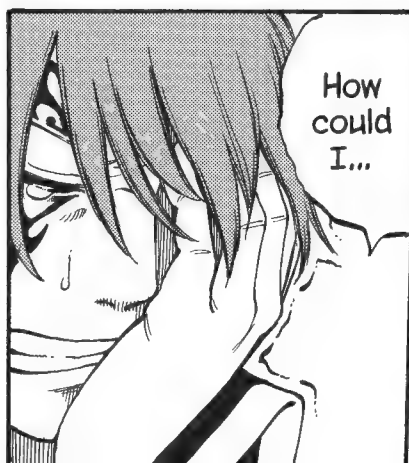






**If you think you  
can get away  
with forgetting  
that, I will stab  
my sword into  
your heart and  
slice it into  
pieces!!!!**

**Come  
here!!!!  
Come  
stand  
before  
me!!!!**



How  
could  
I...



...my  
friends  
...

I  
hurt...







How...

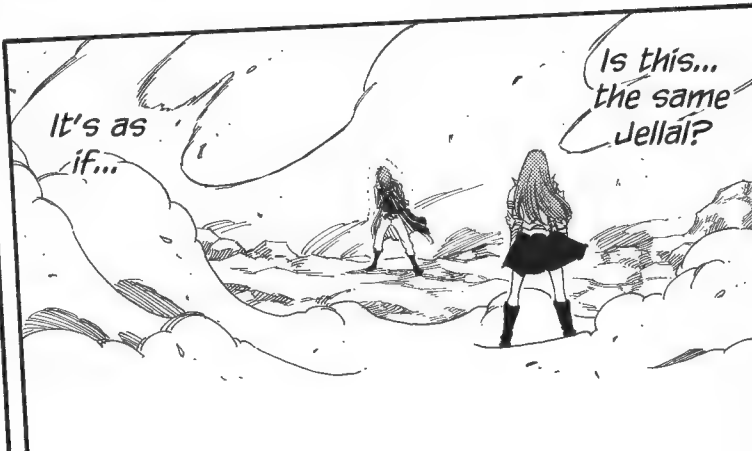
What...have  
I...done...

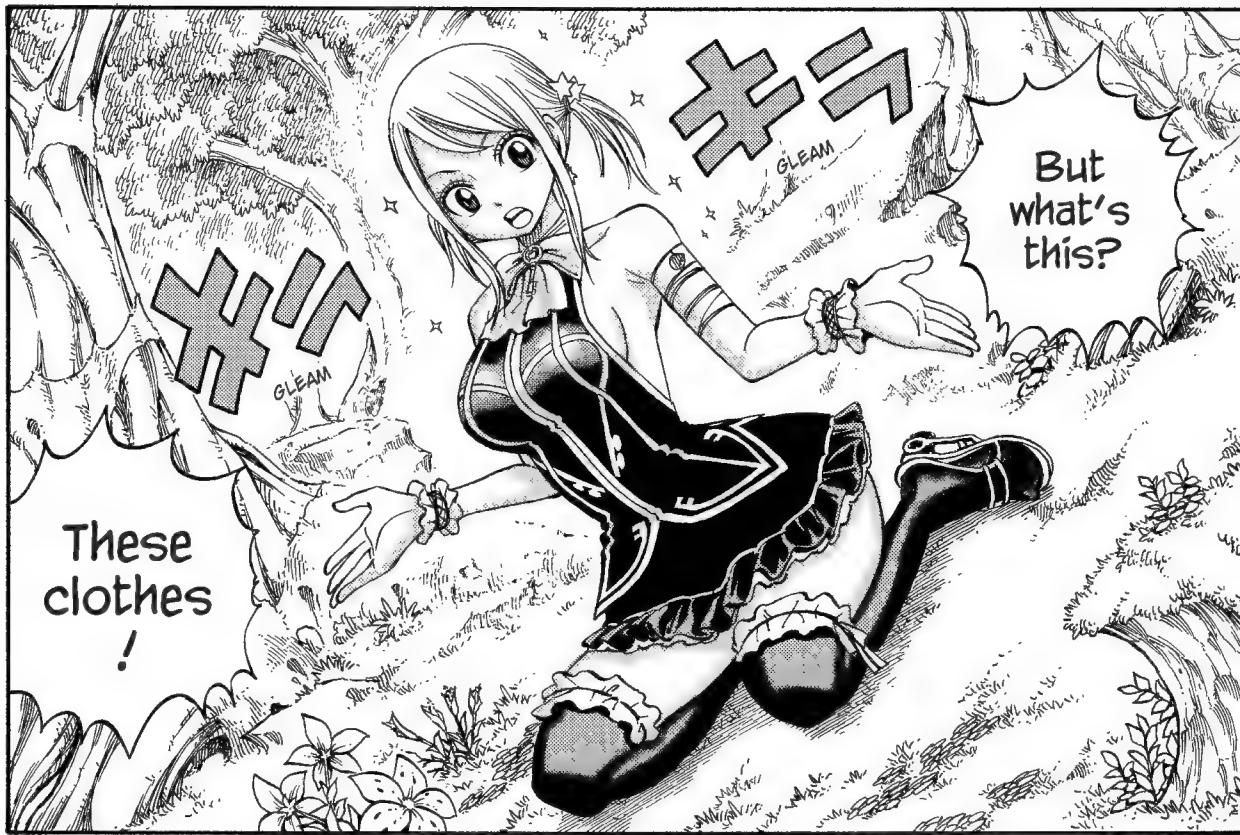
...can  
I ever  
make up  
for...



It's as  
if...

Is this...  
the same  
Jellal?









Jellal  
!!!

Where  
is that  
light  
?!!



Natsu-  
sama's were  
made to  
match.

That was  
*not* nec-  
essary  
!!!

SHUMP  
むっ

Where...  
am I?!

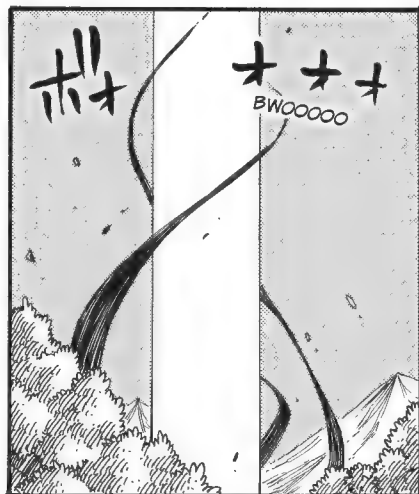


Yes... it changed  
from black to  
white during the  
time you two were  
passed out.

Grrrrrr  
...

It's  
close!

But wait...  
Hasn't it  
changed  
colors?



ホッ

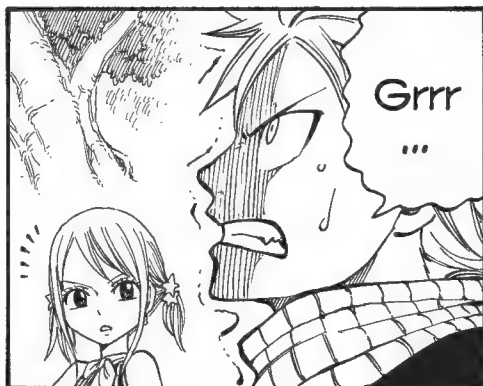
\*\*\*  
BWOOOOO



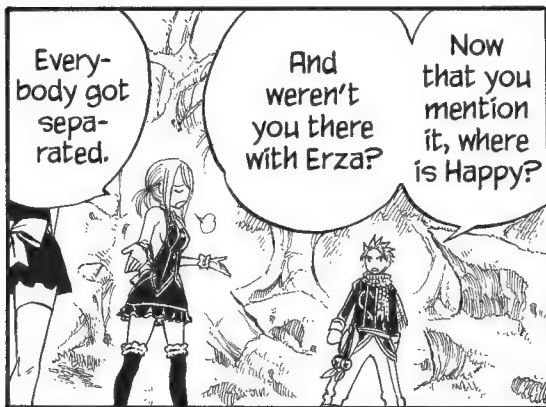
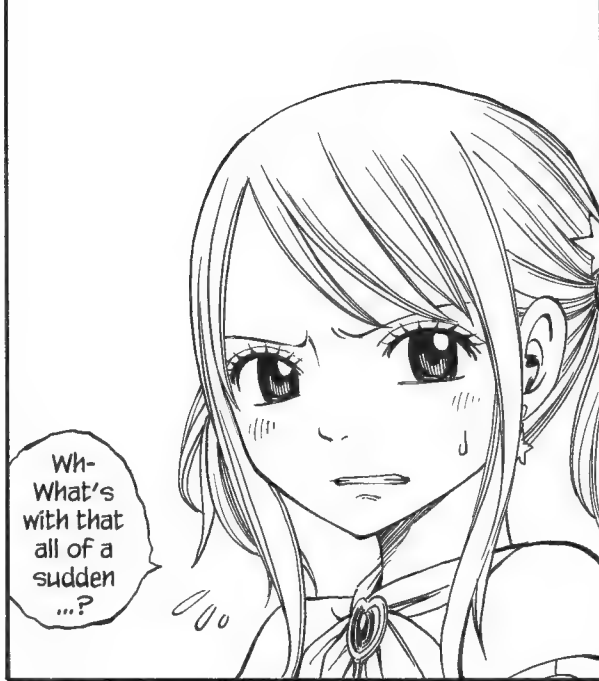
GLARE  
#ロ



SIGH  
はあ..



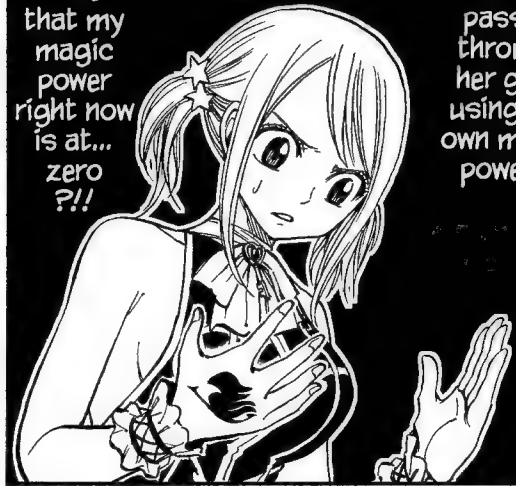
Grrr  
...







Could it be that my magic power right now is at... zero ?!!



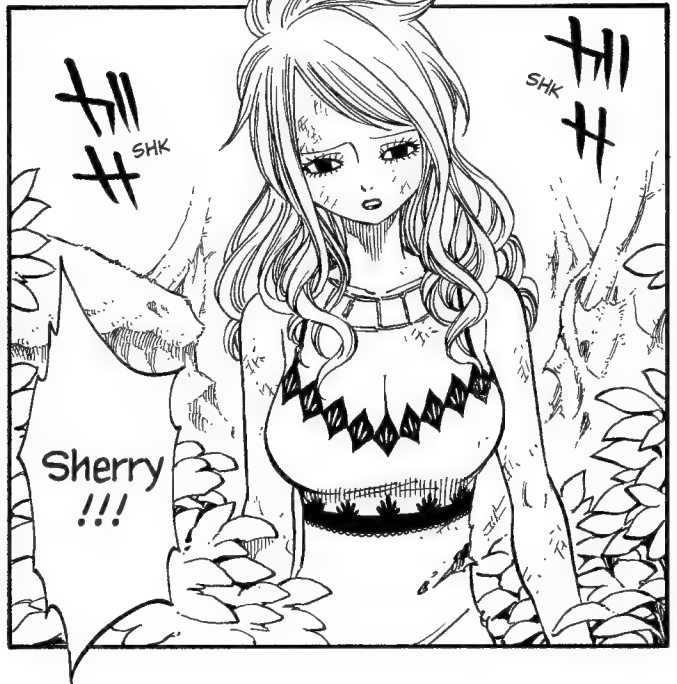
Just now... she passed through her gate using her own magic power...



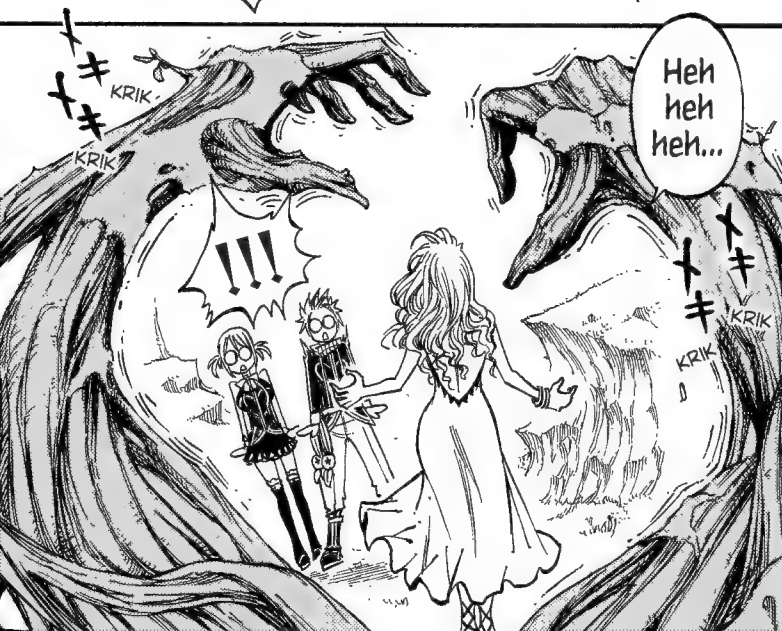
Thank goodness you're okay!

Hey, didn't I see you on Galuna ...?

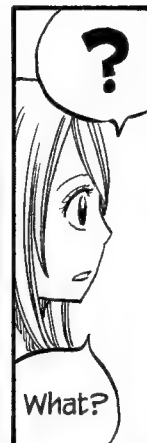
How far back do you need to be updated?!



Sherry !!!



Heh heh heh...

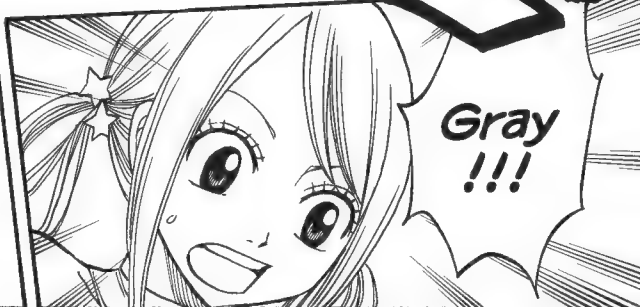
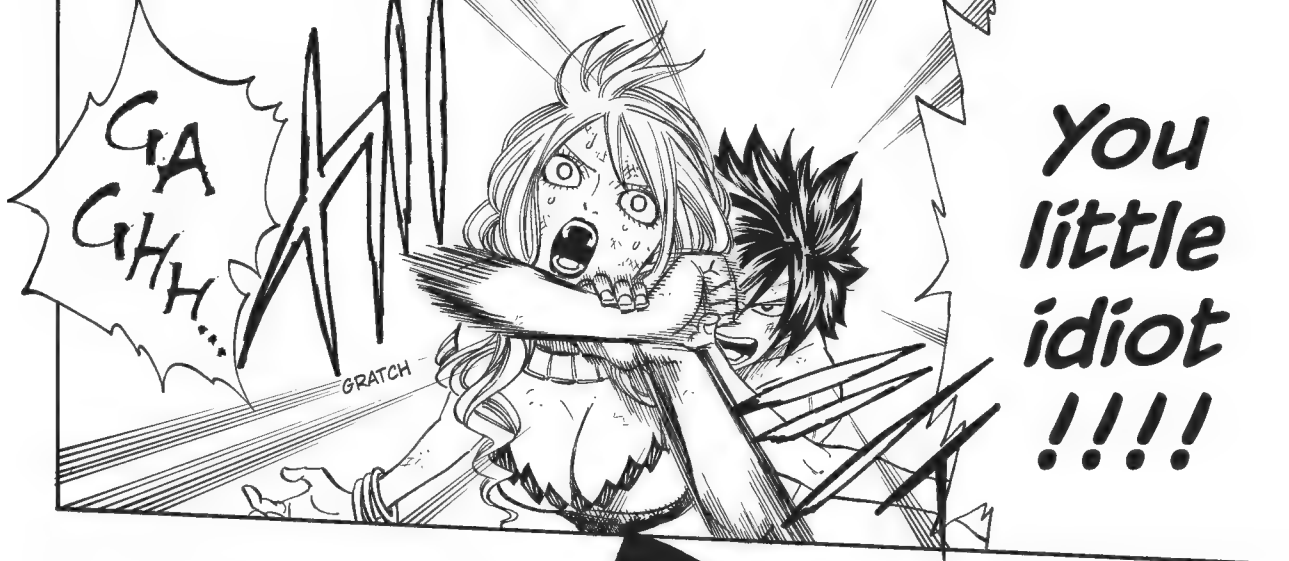


What?!



... wizards of Fairy Tail...

Found you...





Natsu...  
That  
Gray  
was a  
fake.

Huh?

Well, you were  
acting pretty  
strange back  
there too!

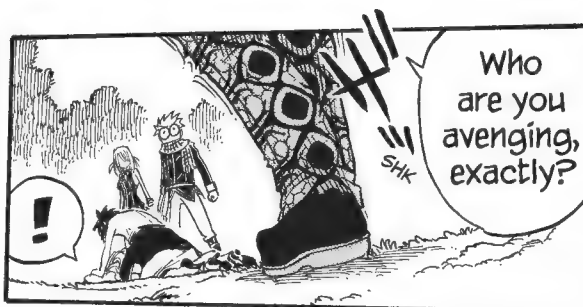
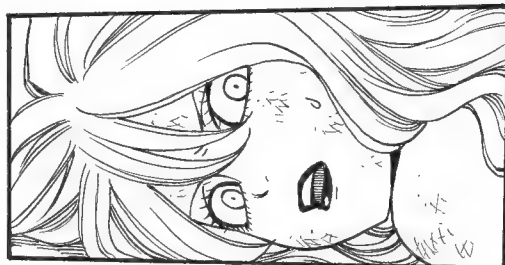
This little...  
Just after  
that light  
went up,  
she started  
doing this!

I'll  
avenge  
Lyon-  
sama  
!!!



Let go  
of me!!!  
Dammit!!!  
So you're  
still alive  
?!!!

I have  
to  
avenge  
Lyon-  
sama's  
death  
!!!

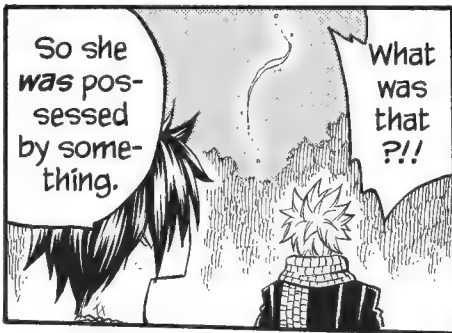
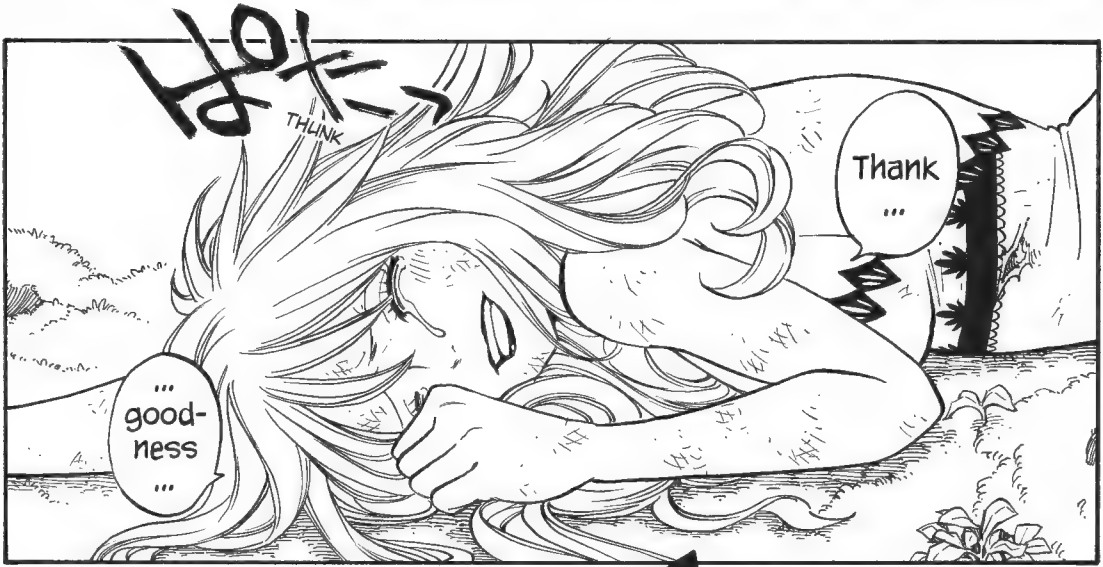
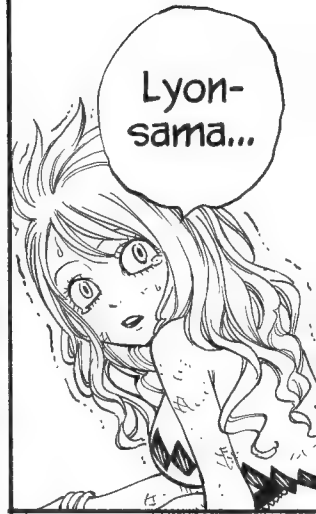


Who  
are you  
avenging,  
exactly?

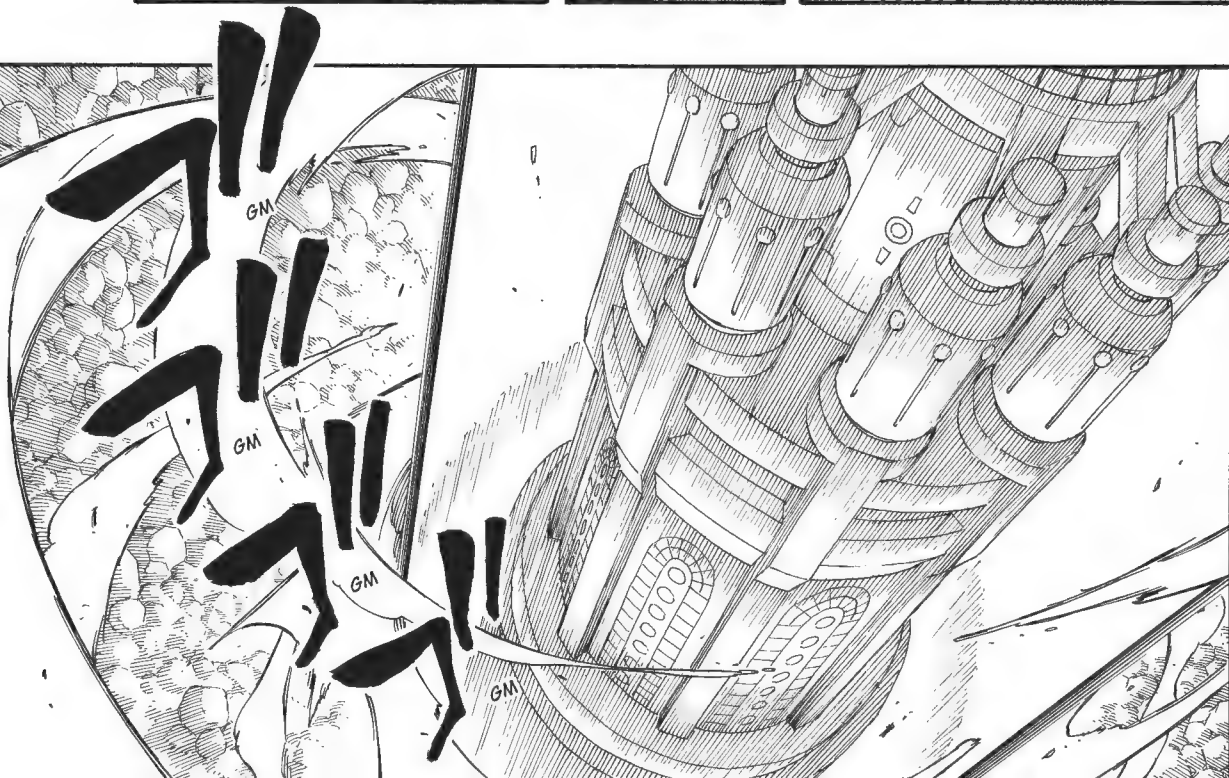


Don't  
go killing  
me off  
without  
my per-  
mission!





...Nirvana.



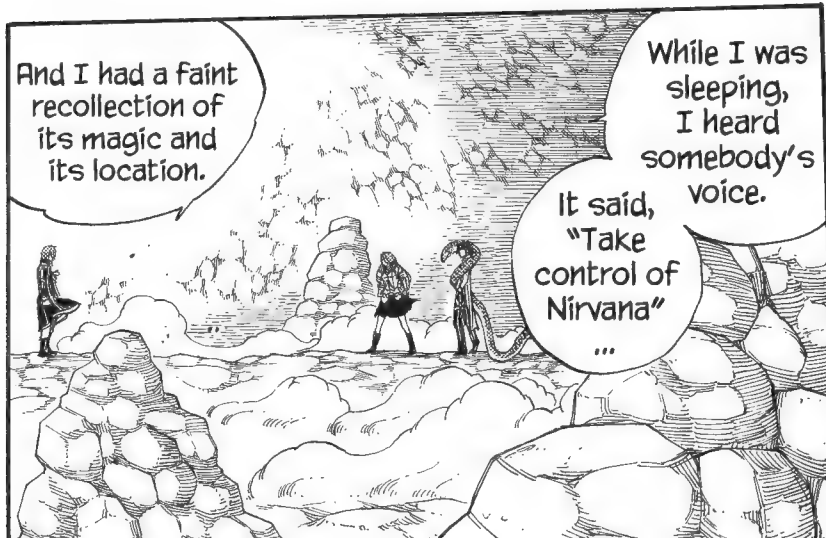


That'd explain why I can't hear your heart's voice.

It makes a lot of sense that you don't got memories.



How'd you get all the way here?

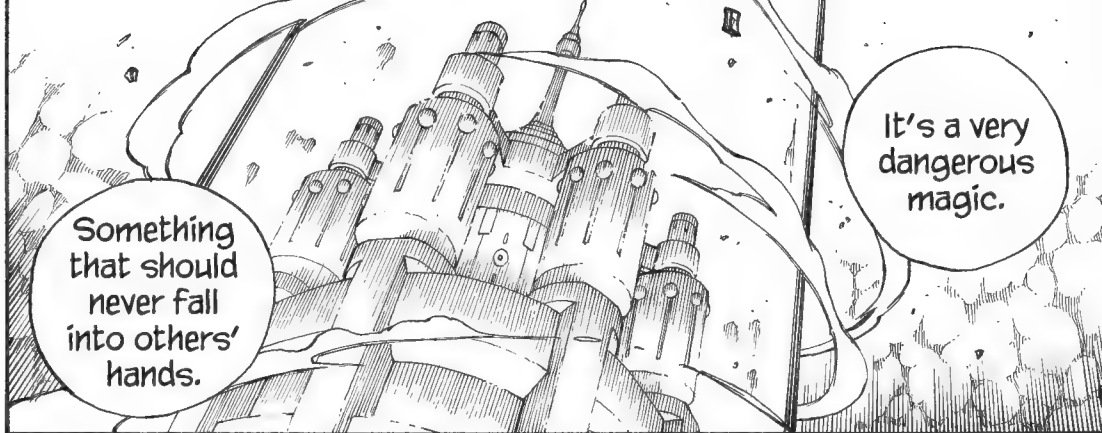


While I was sleeping, I heard somebody's voice.

It said, "Take control of Nirvana" ...







Something  
that should  
never fall  
into others'  
hands.

It's a very  
dangerous  
magic.



**The only way  
to destroy it  
was to first  
break its  
seal.**



You say it's  
to *destroy*  
Nirvana?



**Wha...  
!!!?**



You creep!!!!  
What did  
you do?!!



Dammit  
!!!

Only I  
know the  
code to  
stop it.



Jellal...

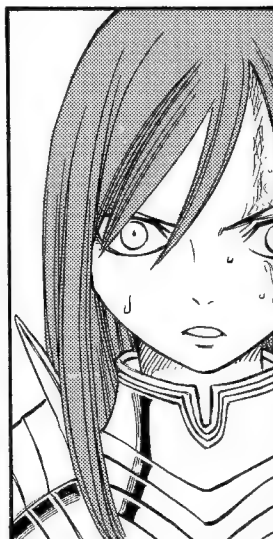
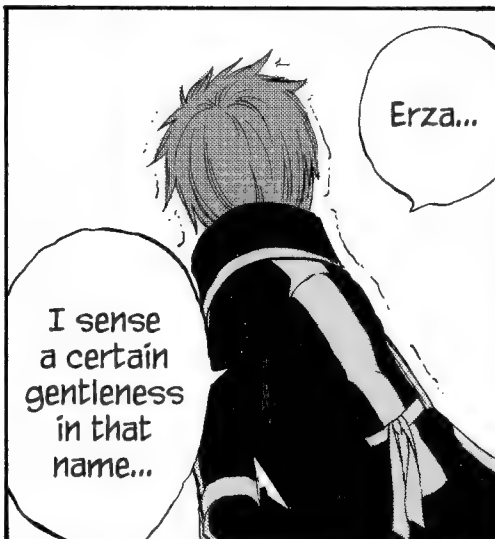
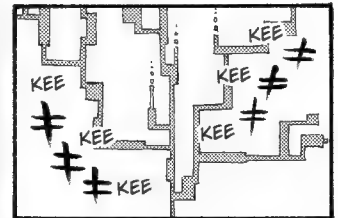
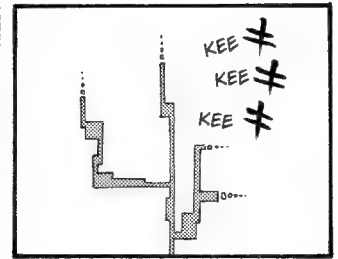


I've  
inserted  
a *square*  
of self-  
destruction  
into it.

KEE  
KEE  
KEE

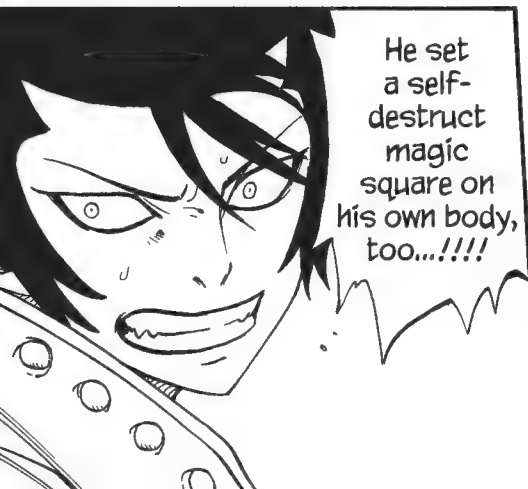
KEE  
KEE  
KEE

In only  
moments,  
Nirvana will  
implode in  
on itself.

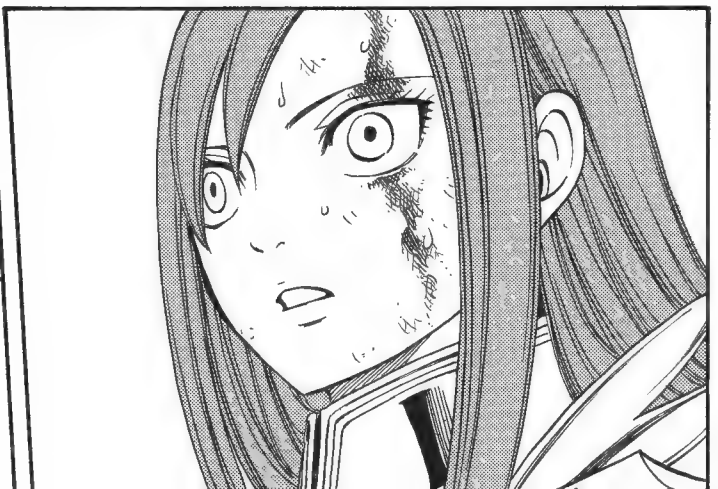


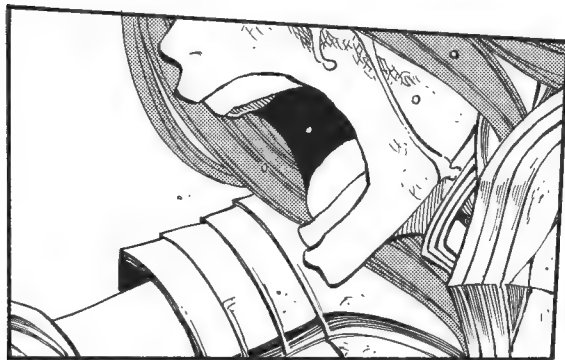






He set  
a self-  
destruct  
magic  
square on  
his own body,  
too...!!!!



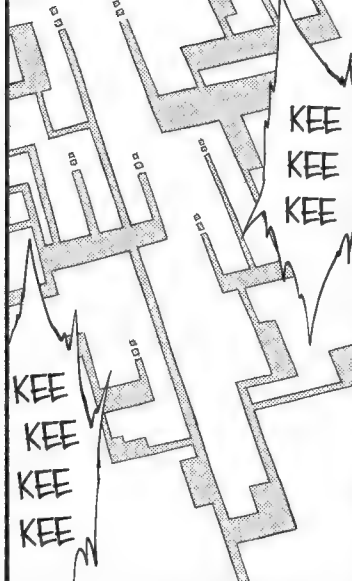
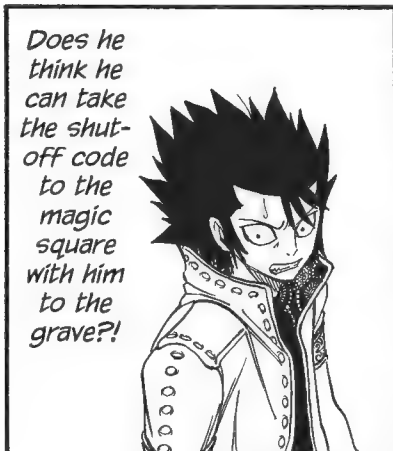






## Chapter 147: Guild of Hope









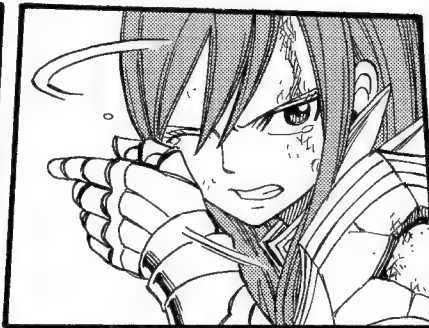
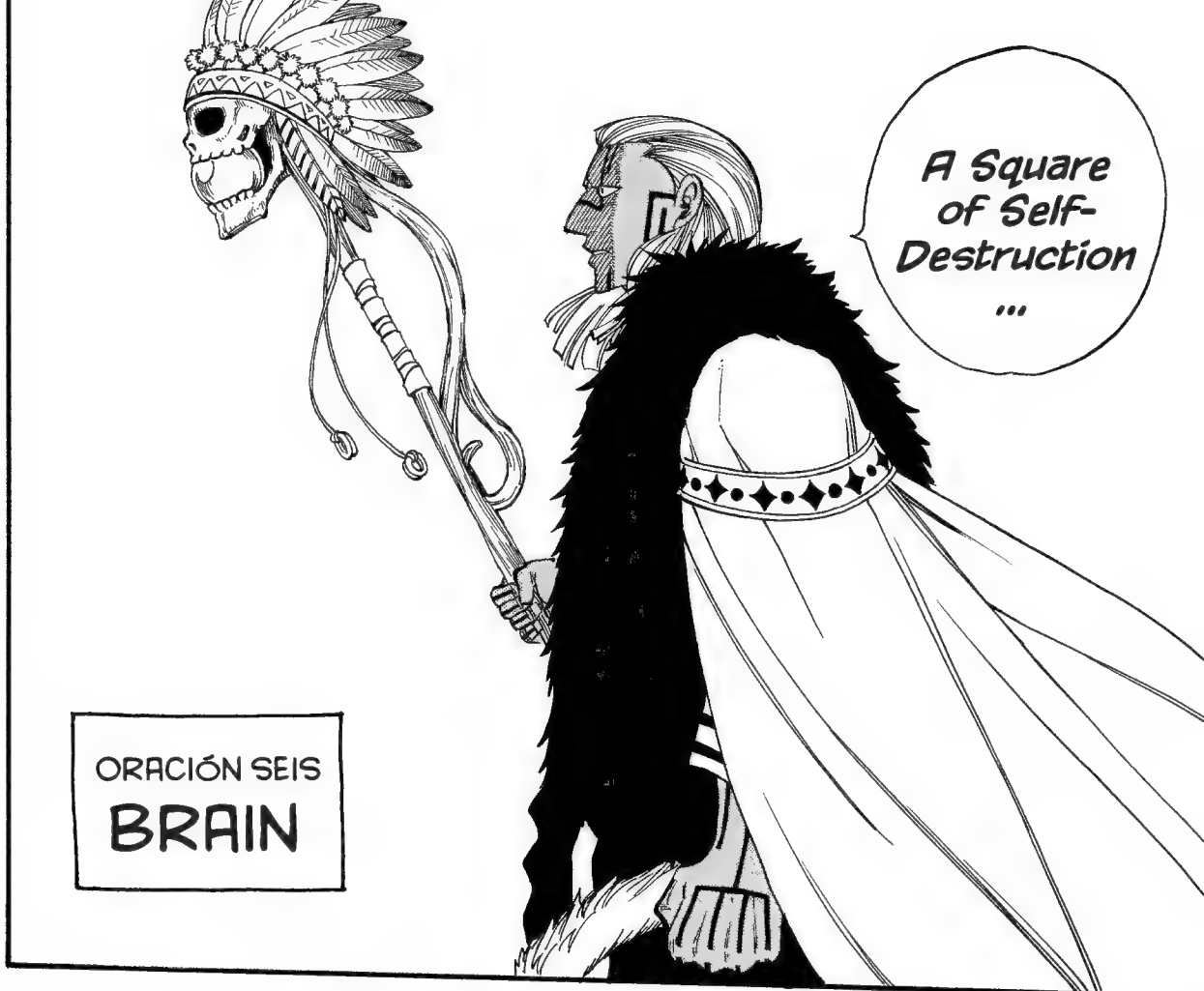
**LIVE  
WITH  
THE  
GUILT  
!!!!**



**JELLAAL  
!!!!**









At one time,  
I worked at  
the Ministry  
of Magical  
Development.

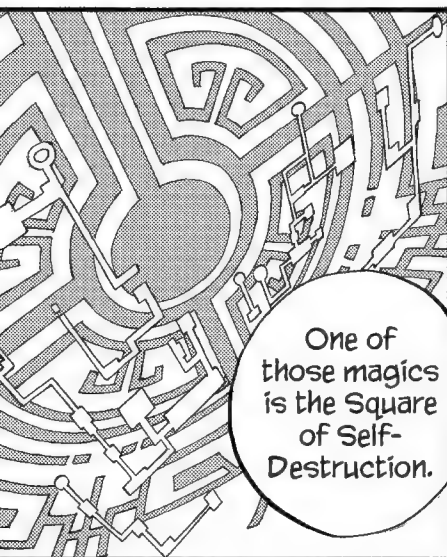


Perhaps you  
know why my  
code name is  
another word for  
the mind.

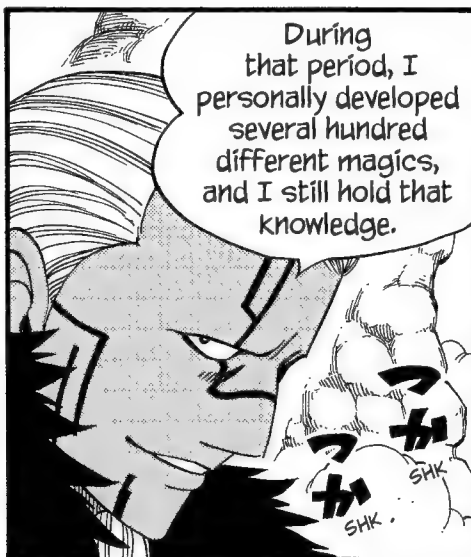
You may  
relax,  
Cobra.



One of  
those magics  
is the Square  
of Self-  
Destruction.



During  
that period, I  
personally developed  
several hundred  
different magics,  
and I still hold that  
knowledge.

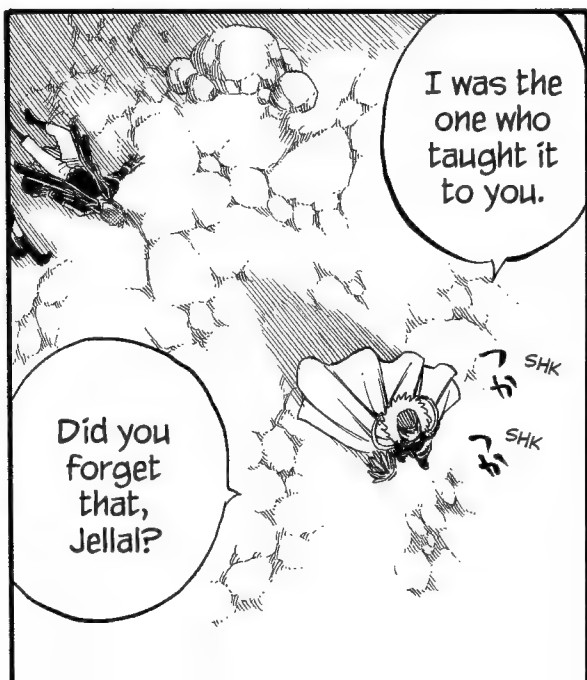


I have no  
need of  
a cancel  
code.



I was the  
one who  
taught it  
to you.

Did you  
forget  
that,  
Jellal?

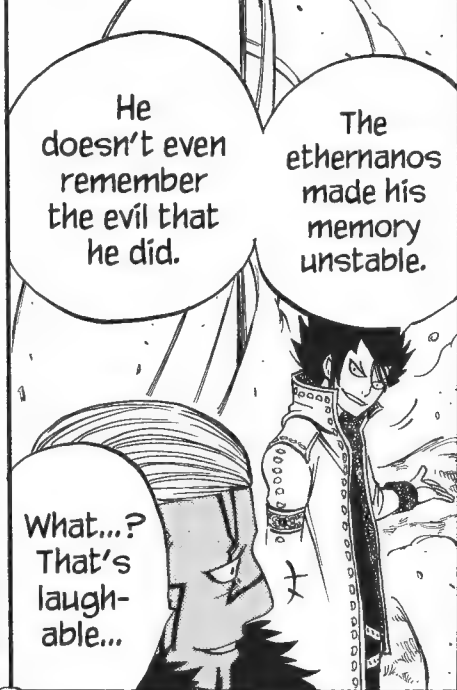






**I  
claim  
Nirvana  
for  
myself  
!!!!**

**Ah ha ha  
ha ha!!!!  
How  
pitiful of  
you,  
Jellal!!!!**



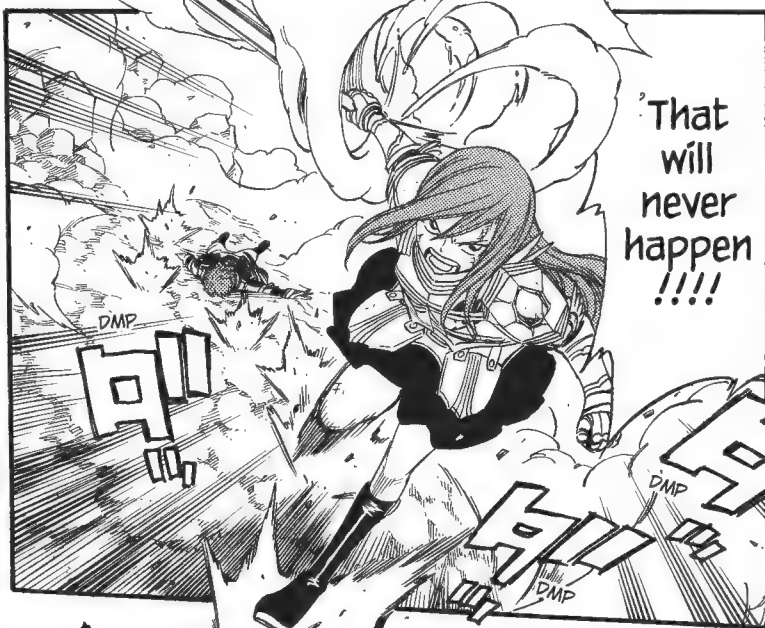
He  
doesn't even  
remember  
the evil that  
he did.

The  
ethernanos  
made his  
memory  
unstable.

What...?  
That's  
laugh-  
able...



**Awaken!!  
Nirvana!!!**



**'That  
will  
never  
happen  
!!!!**



**Erza  
!!!!**





**REVEAL  
YOUR  
TRUE  
FORM  
!!!!**

I can hear  
it!!!! This is  
our future!!!!  
The sound of  
the extinction  
of light!!!!



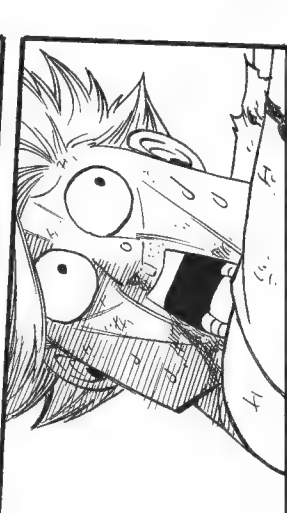
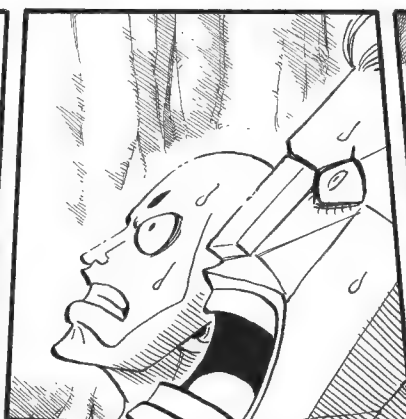
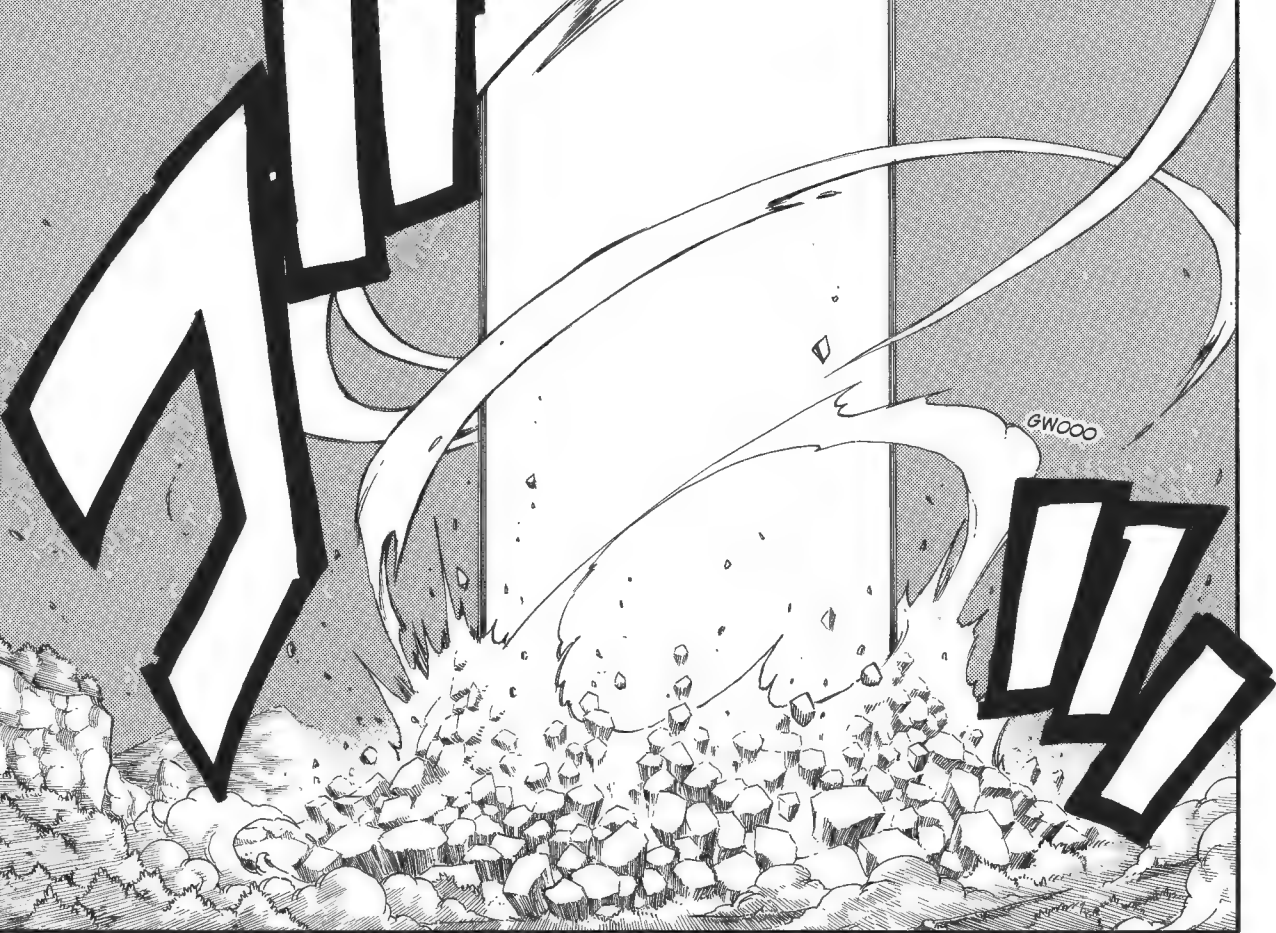
**Ohhhhhhh  
!!!!**

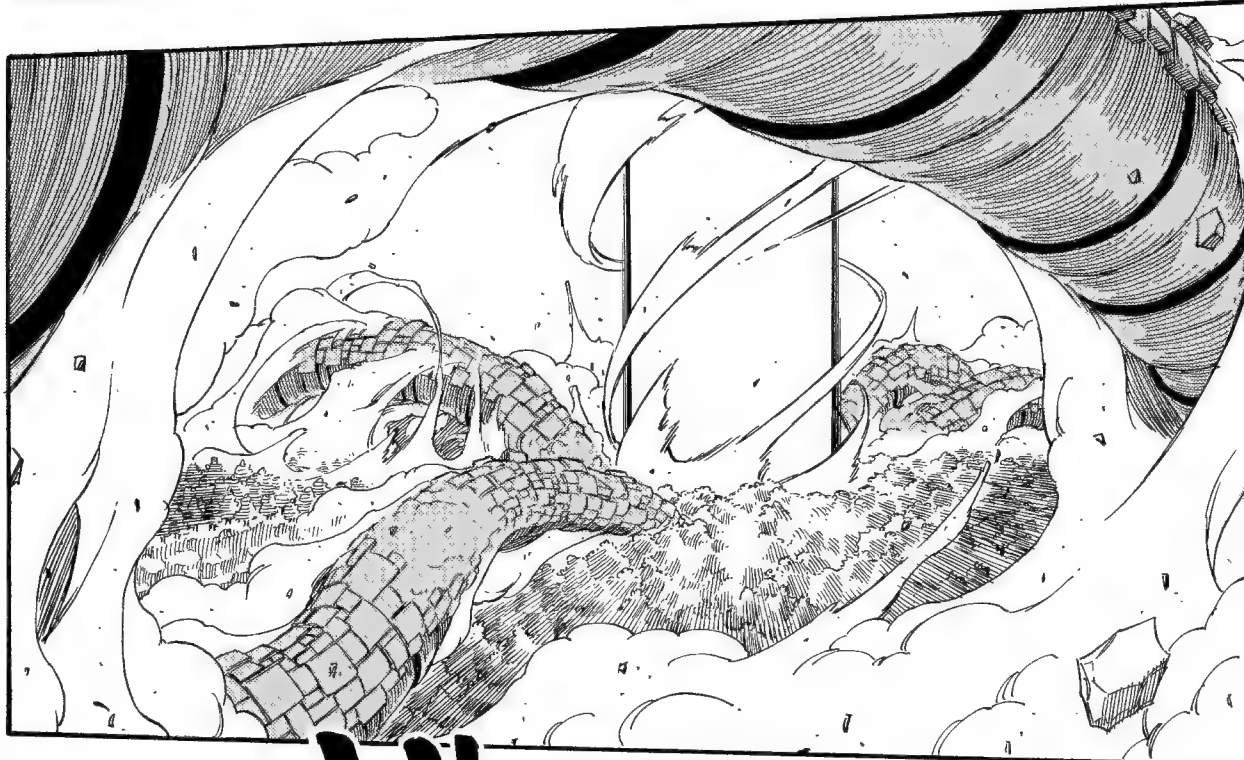


**Jellal  
!!!**

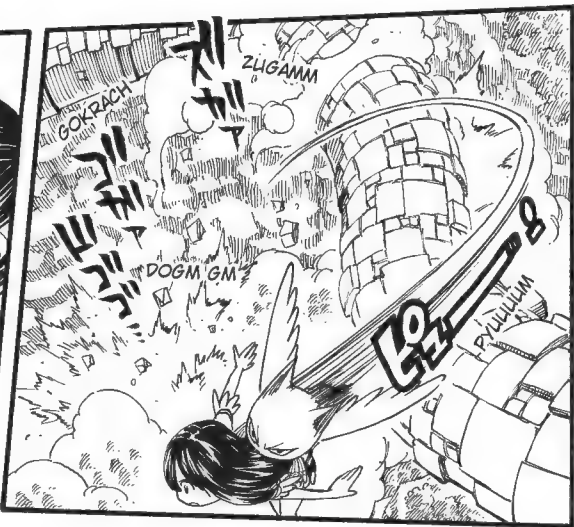
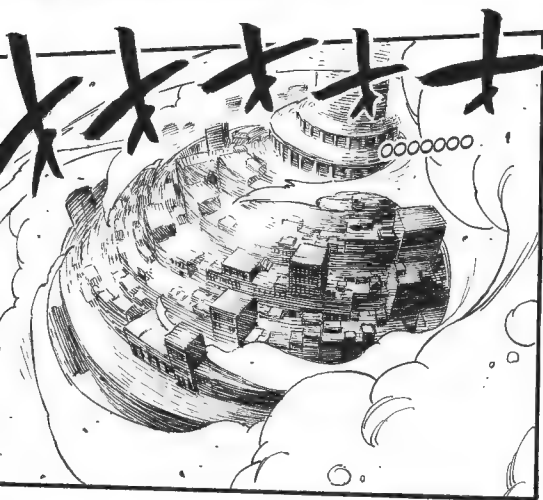
**Erza  
!!!**

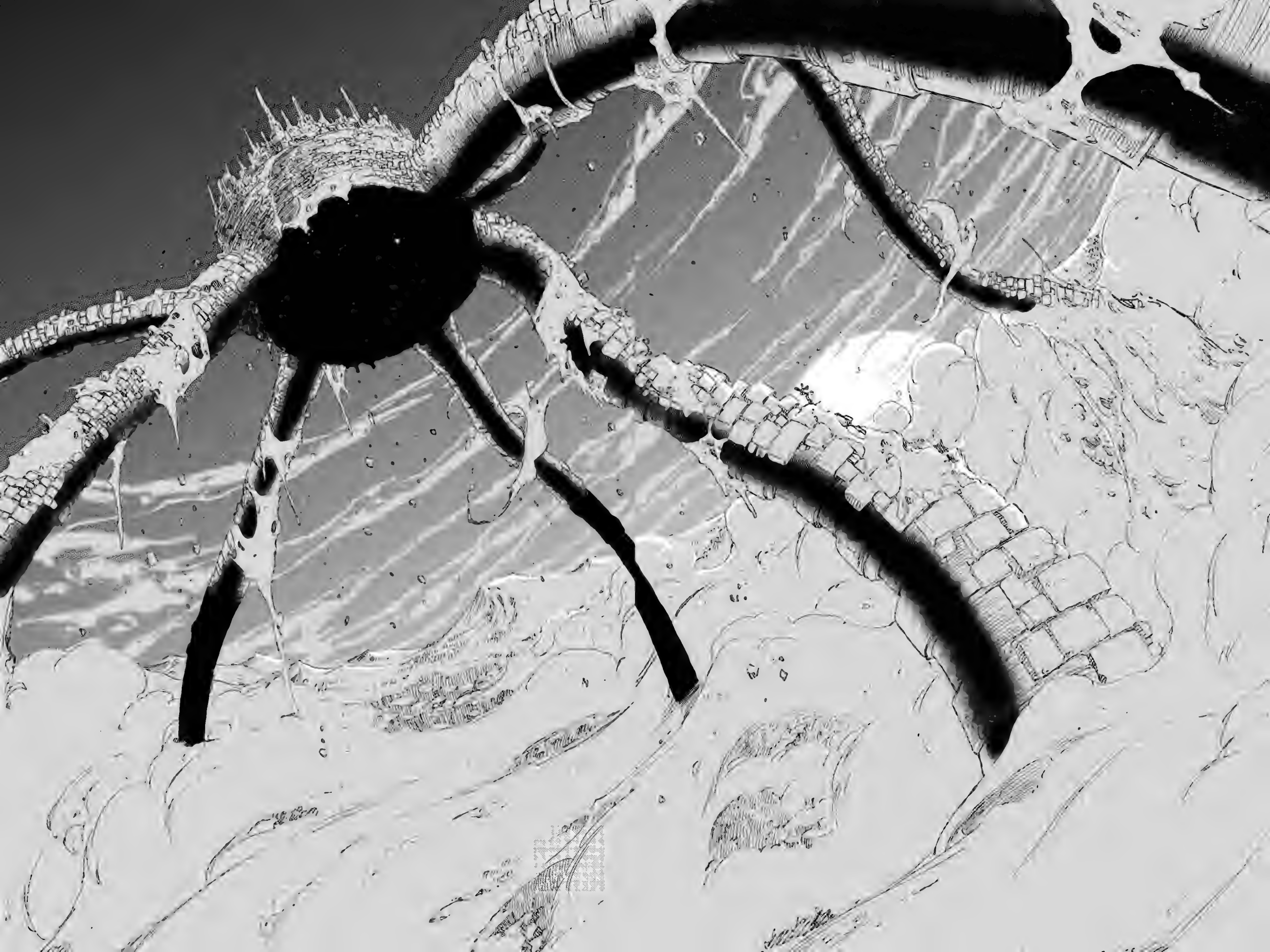














**The  
ultimate  
weapon in the  
Extinction of  
Light!**

**Hyper-  
Reversal  
Magic,  
Nirvana!!!!**

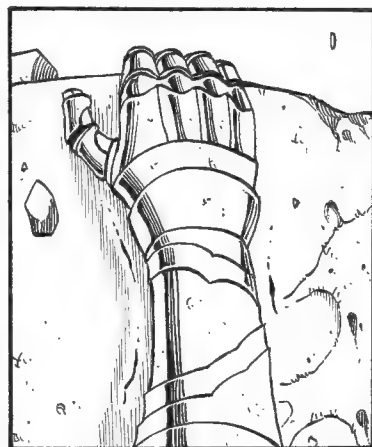
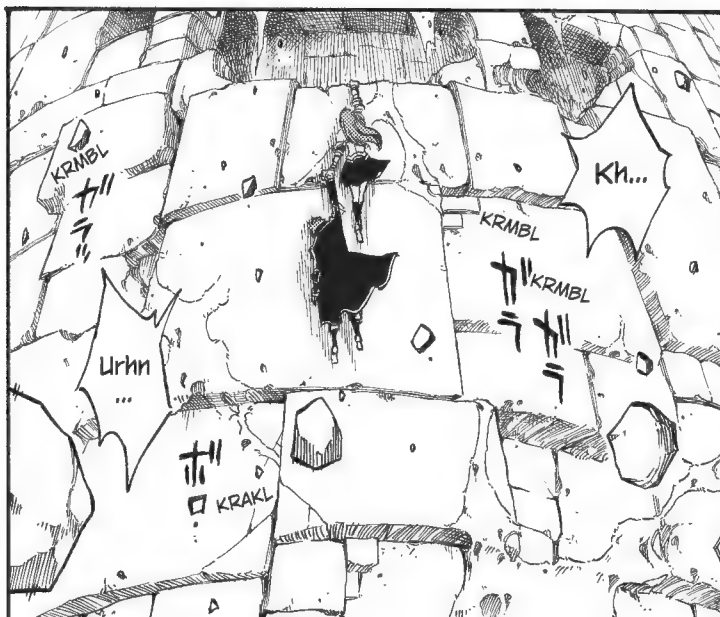
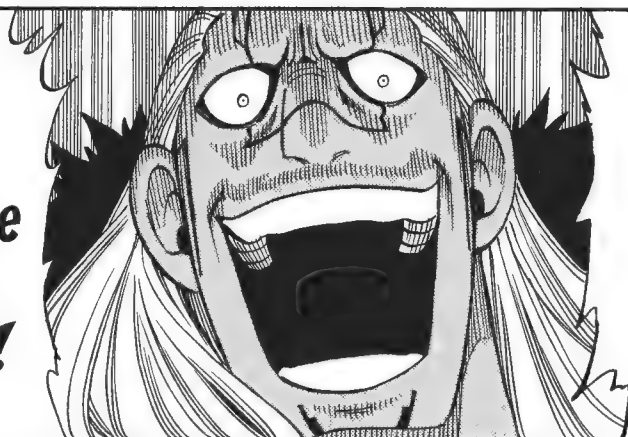
**Finally  
...!!!**

**Finally,  
it is  
mine  
!!!!**

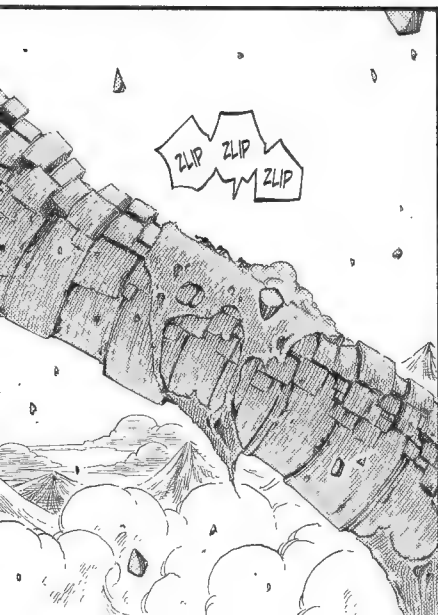


**And  
now...  
they will be  
rendered  
useless!!!!**

**Trust and soli-  
darity are the  
official guilds'  
greatest  
weapons...**











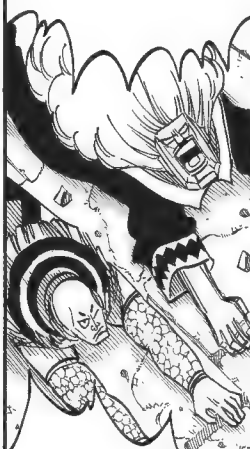
Carla!!!  
We're  
going that  
way!!!



None of  
*us* have  
given up!

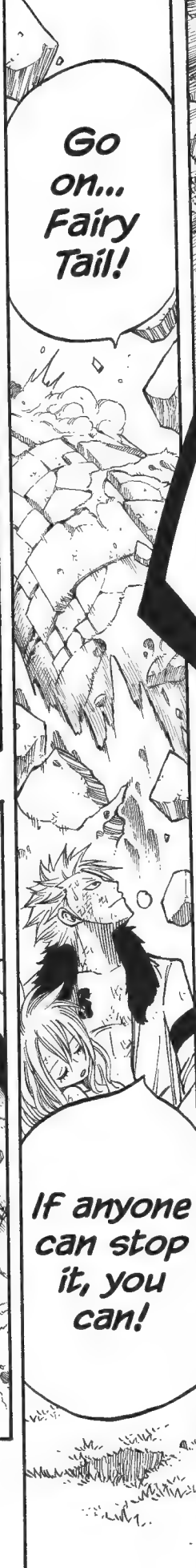


Hang on  
tight!!!



Yes!!!

Go  
on...  
*Fairy  
Tail!*



If anyone  
can stop  
it, you  
can!



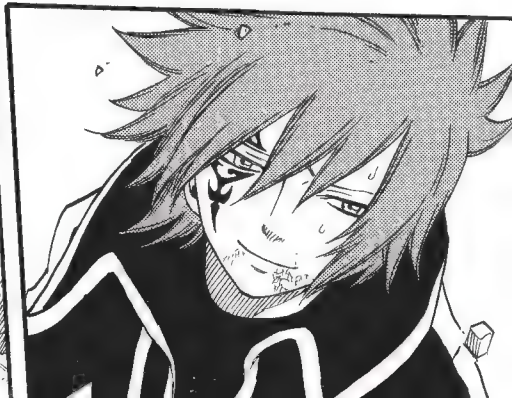
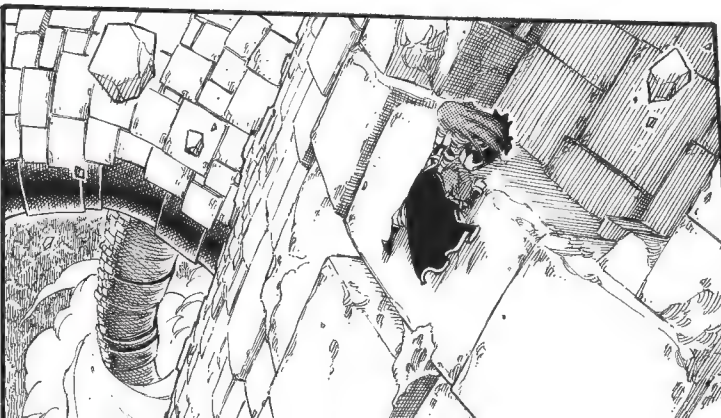
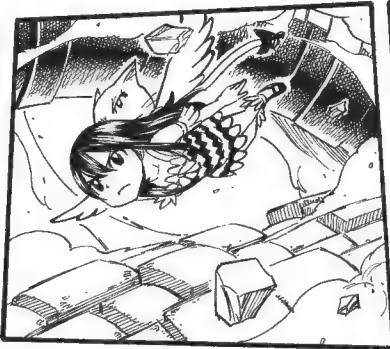
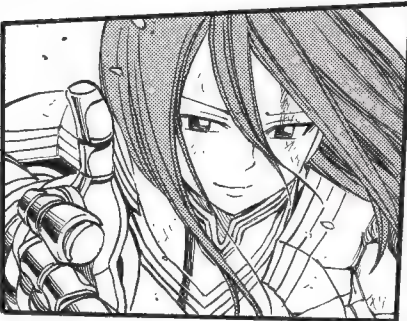
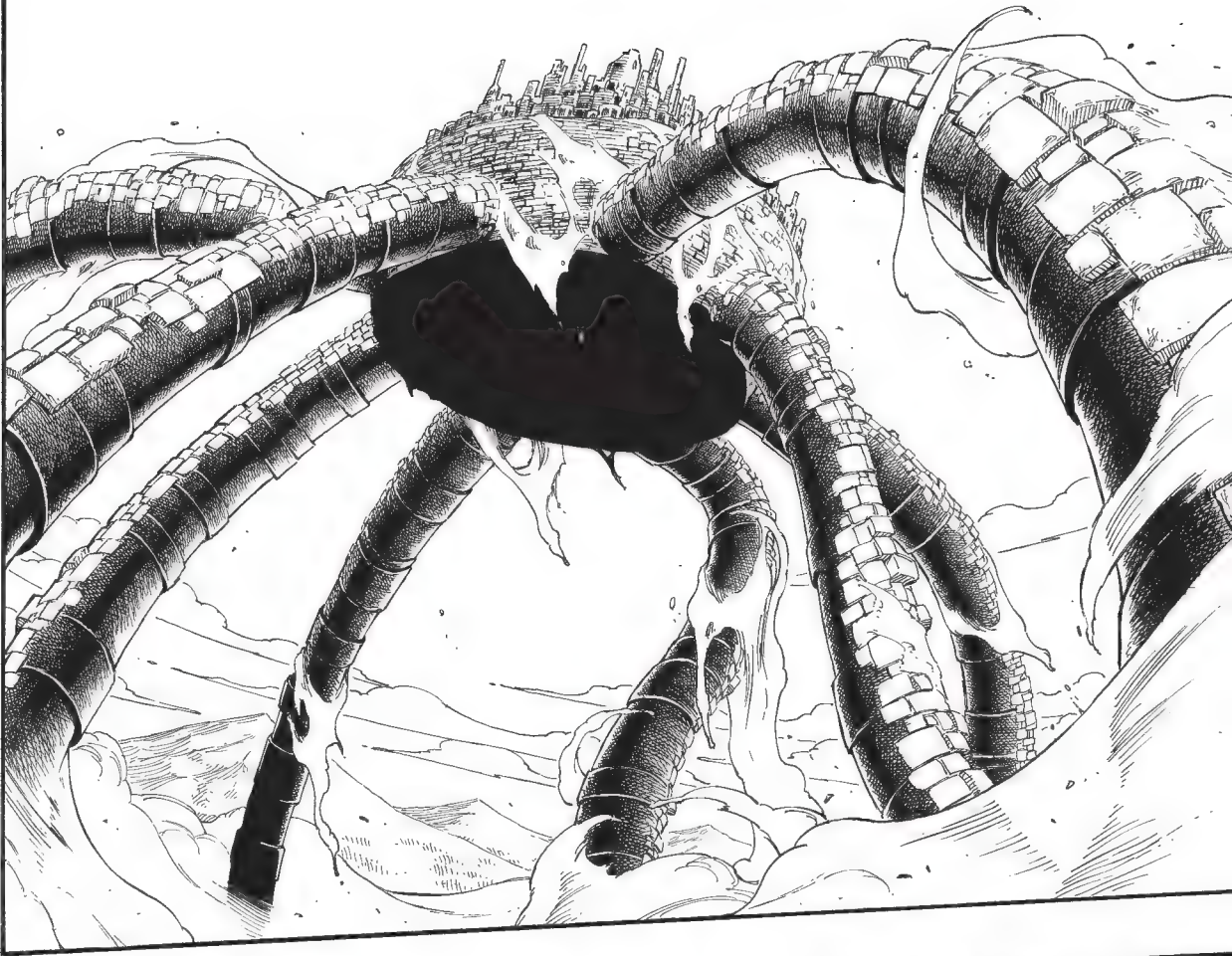




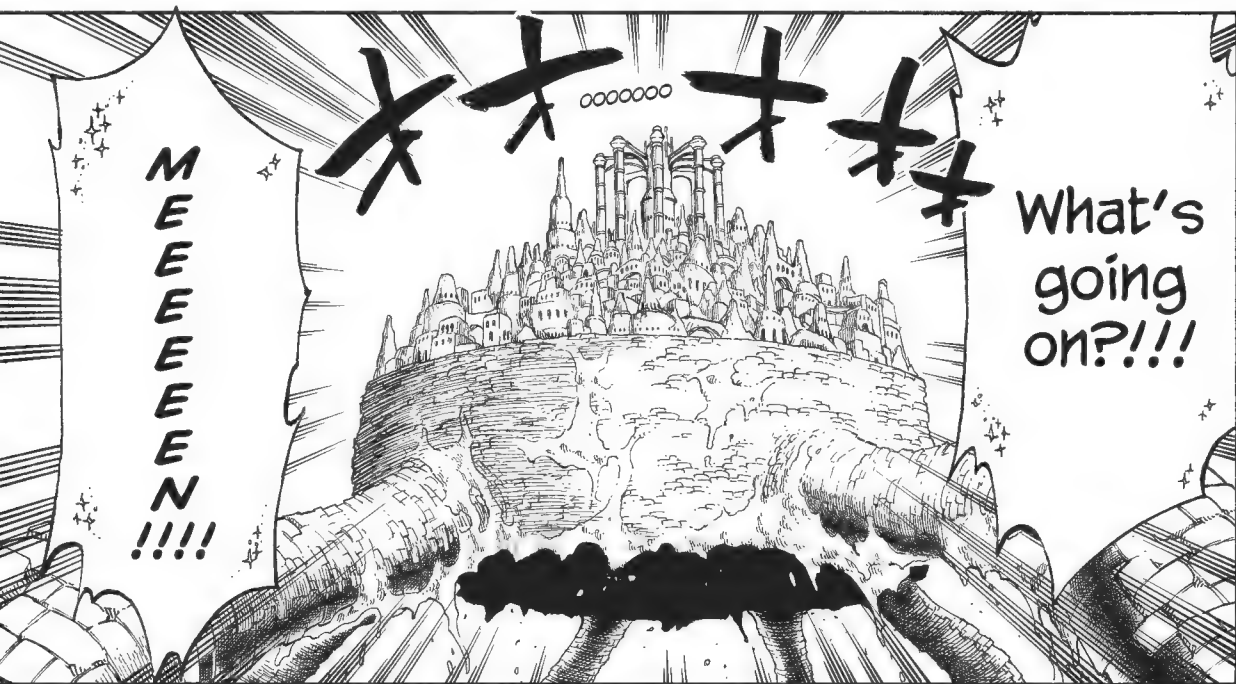
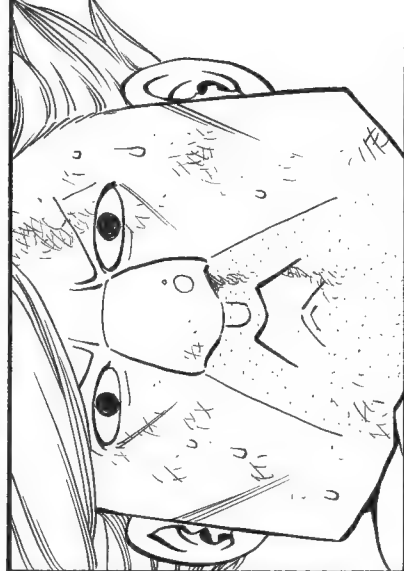
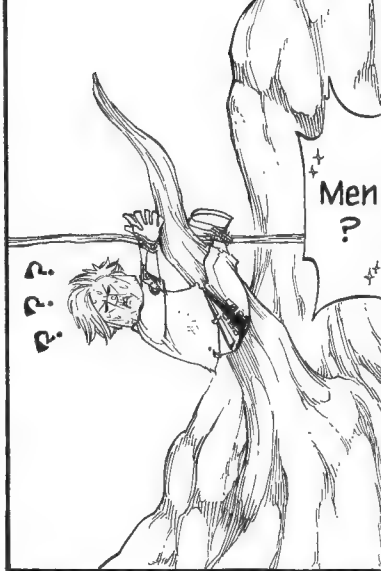




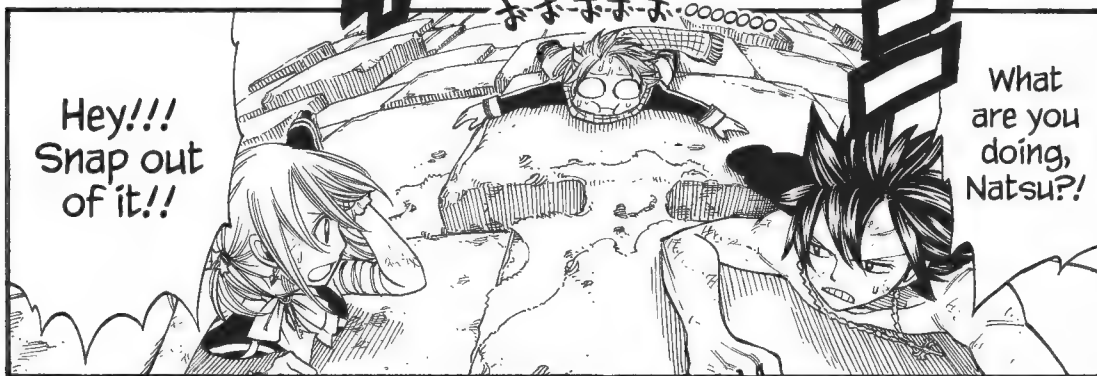
## Chapter 148: March of Destruction











Hey!!!  
Snap out  
of it!!

What  
are you  
doing,  
Natsu?!



Quit  
sweating  
stupid  
details!

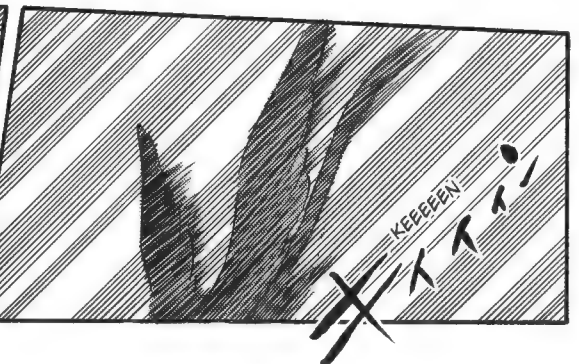
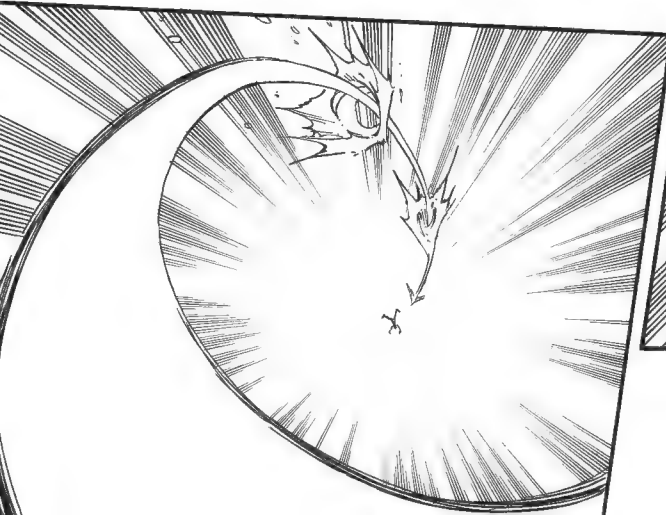
There  
ain't no  
octopuses  
in the  
forest!

I-It's like,  
you know...  
These are like  
octopus legs!  
You're okay  
riding a living  
thing, right?

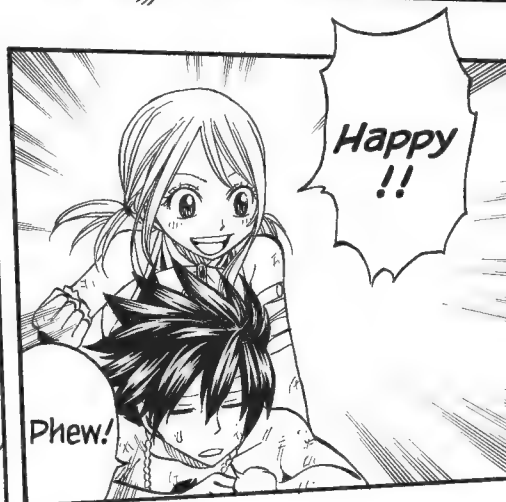
I-I don't  
feel so  
good...

It may be  
moving,  
but it isn't  
a vehicle!  
Think of it  
that way!!!

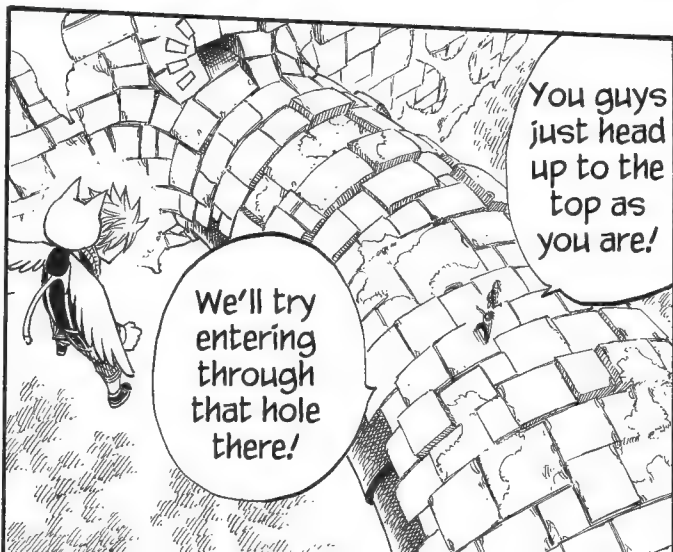
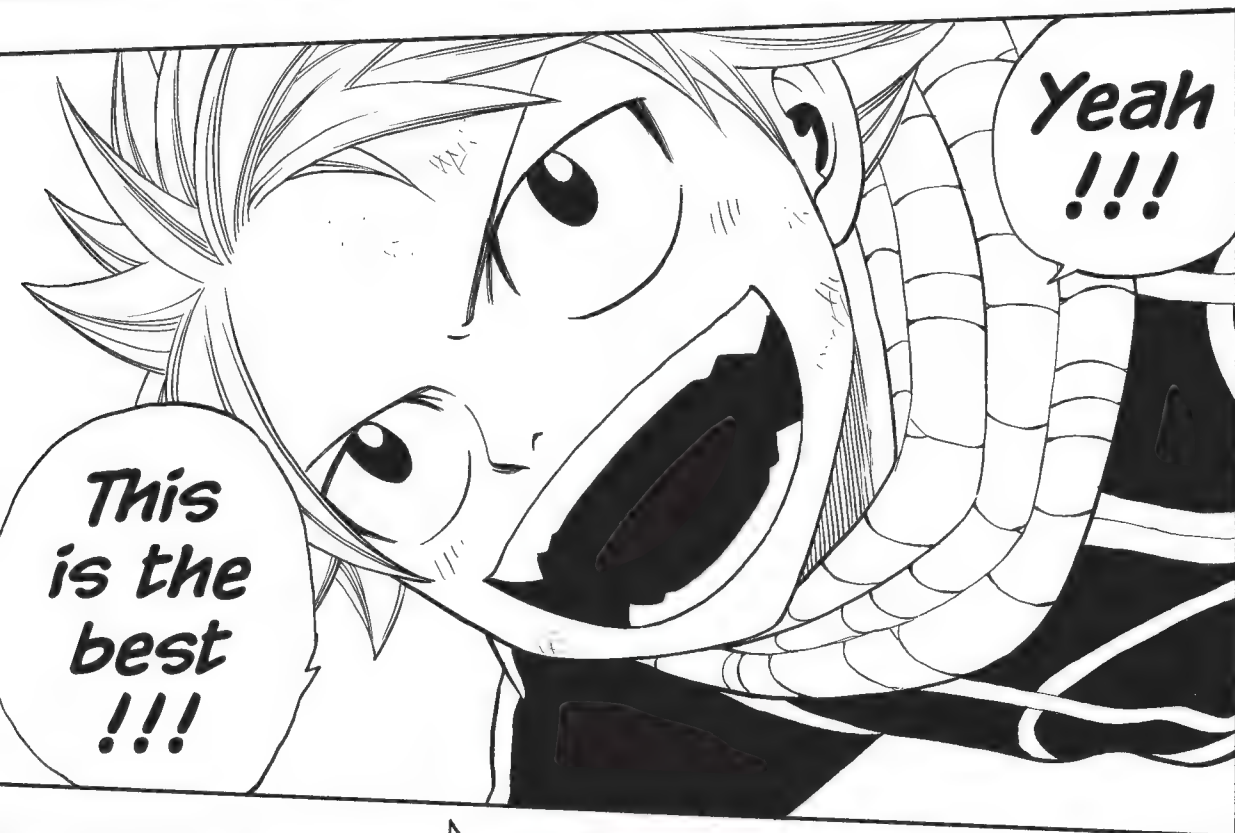
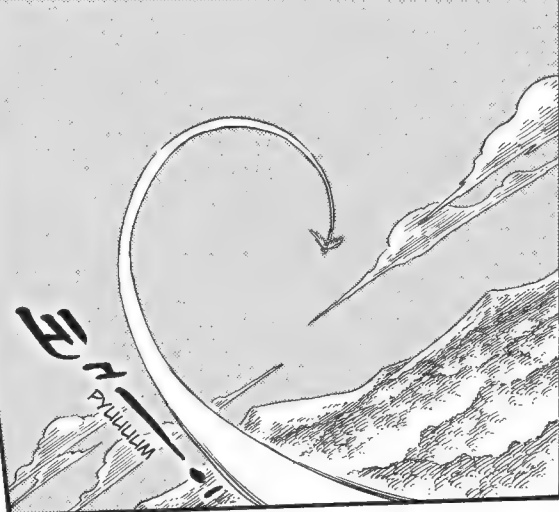
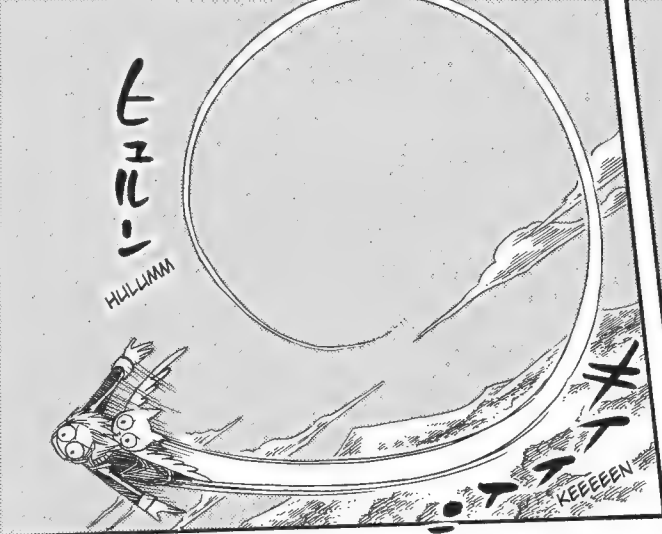
I-Isn't  
this...a  
moving  
vehicle...



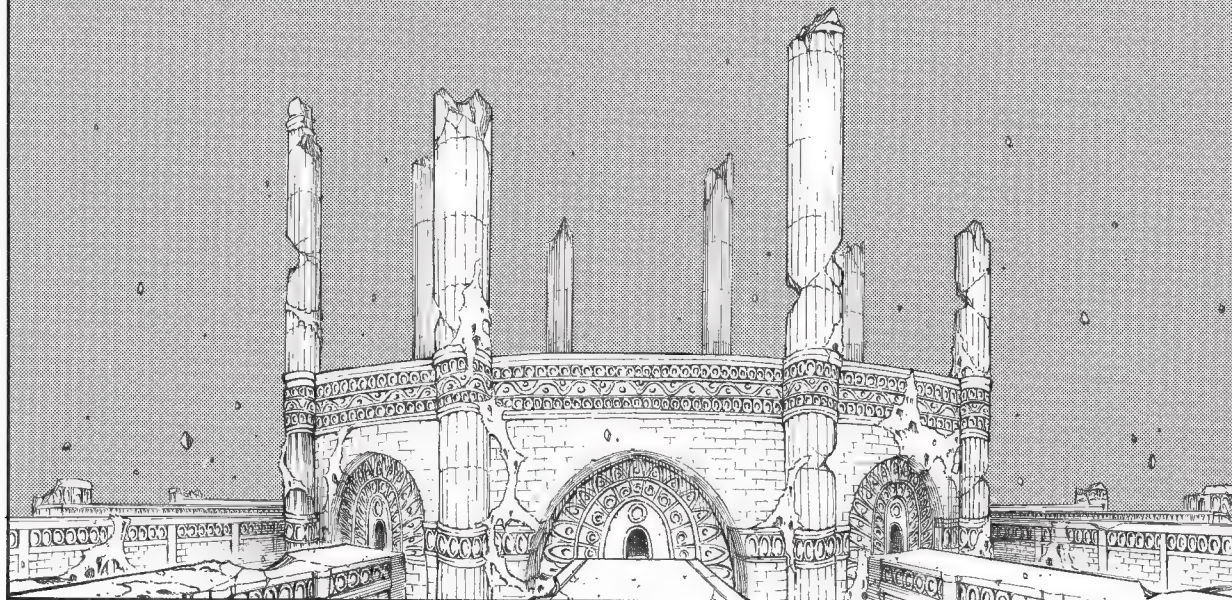




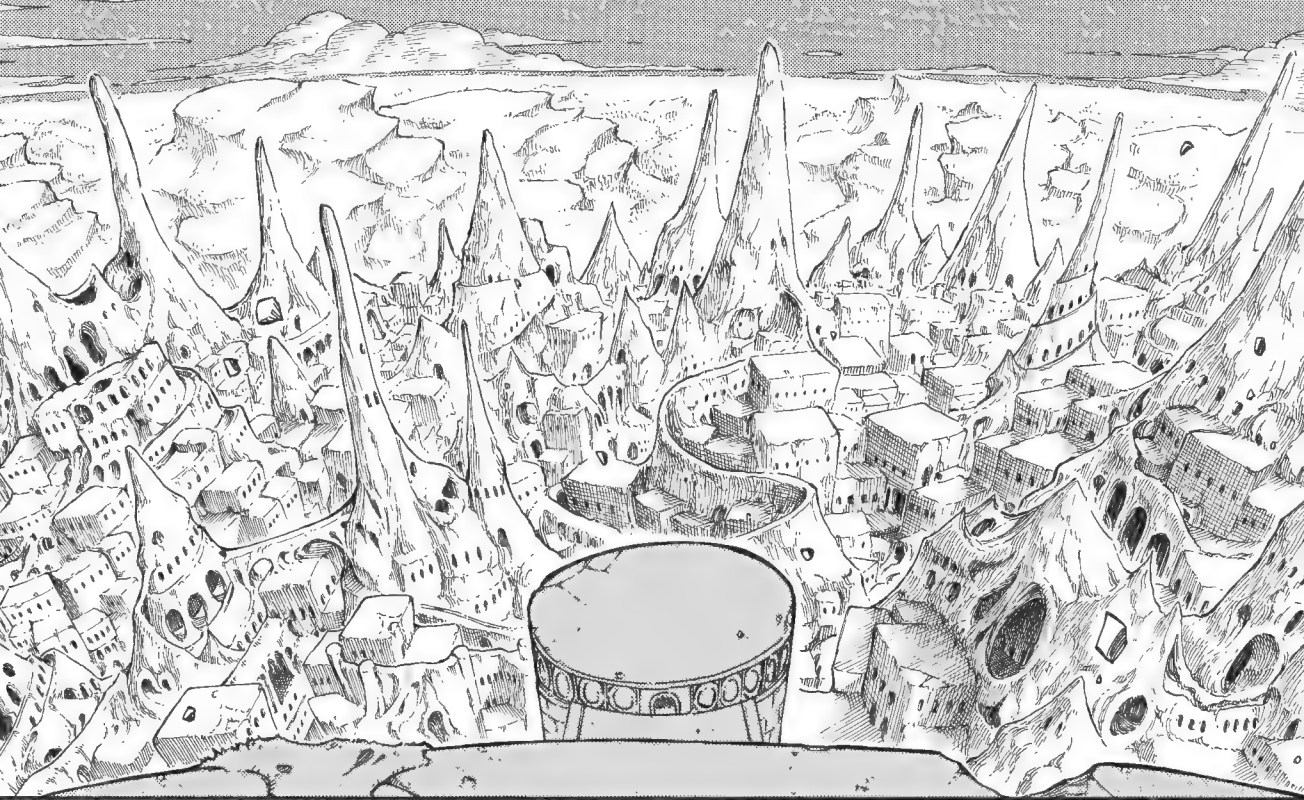












This city  
will move  
however I  
desire!

And within  
this King's  
Hall here, it  
will do my  
will!



A city  
of the  
ancients!

This is  
indeed  
the true  
form of  
Nirvana!



*That  
guild!*



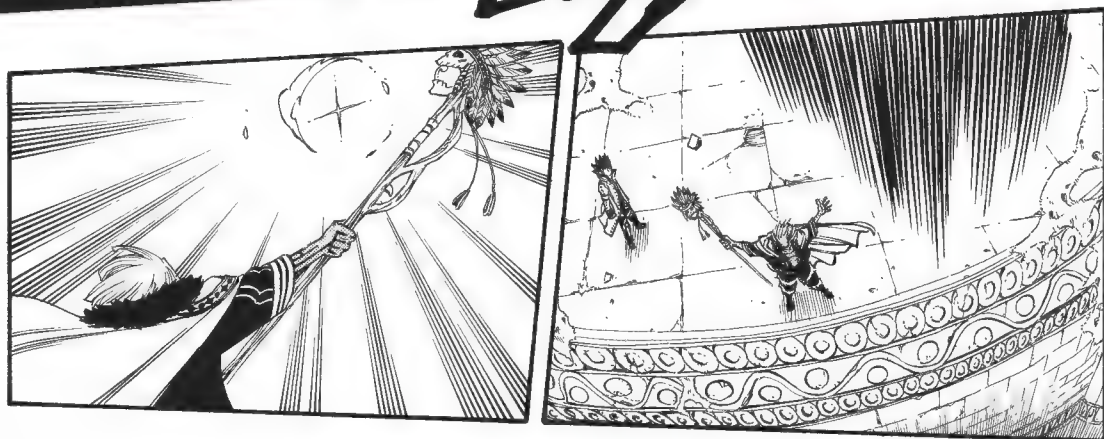
We  
cannot  
reach our  
target  
from  
where we  
are.

Move...?  
So is this  
thing going  
somewhere?





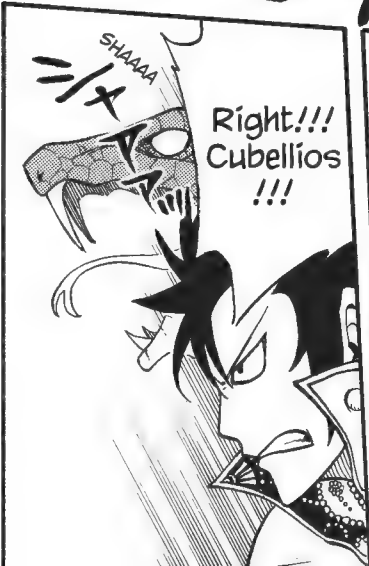
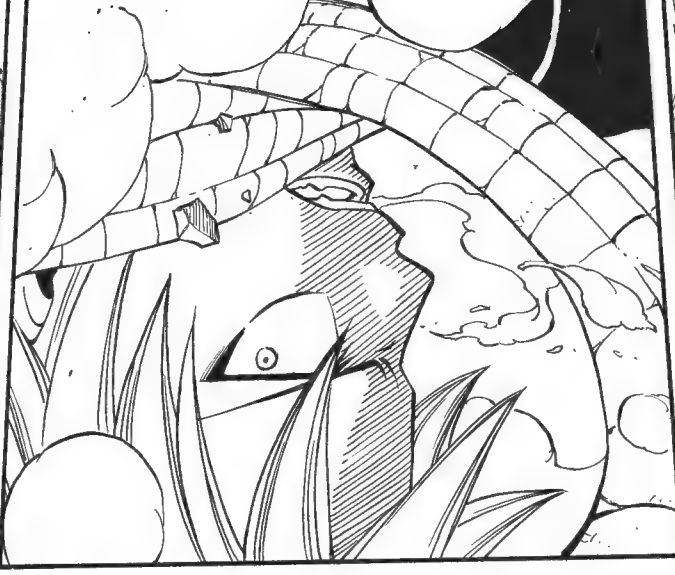
**And turn  
our dark-  
ness into  
light!!!!**

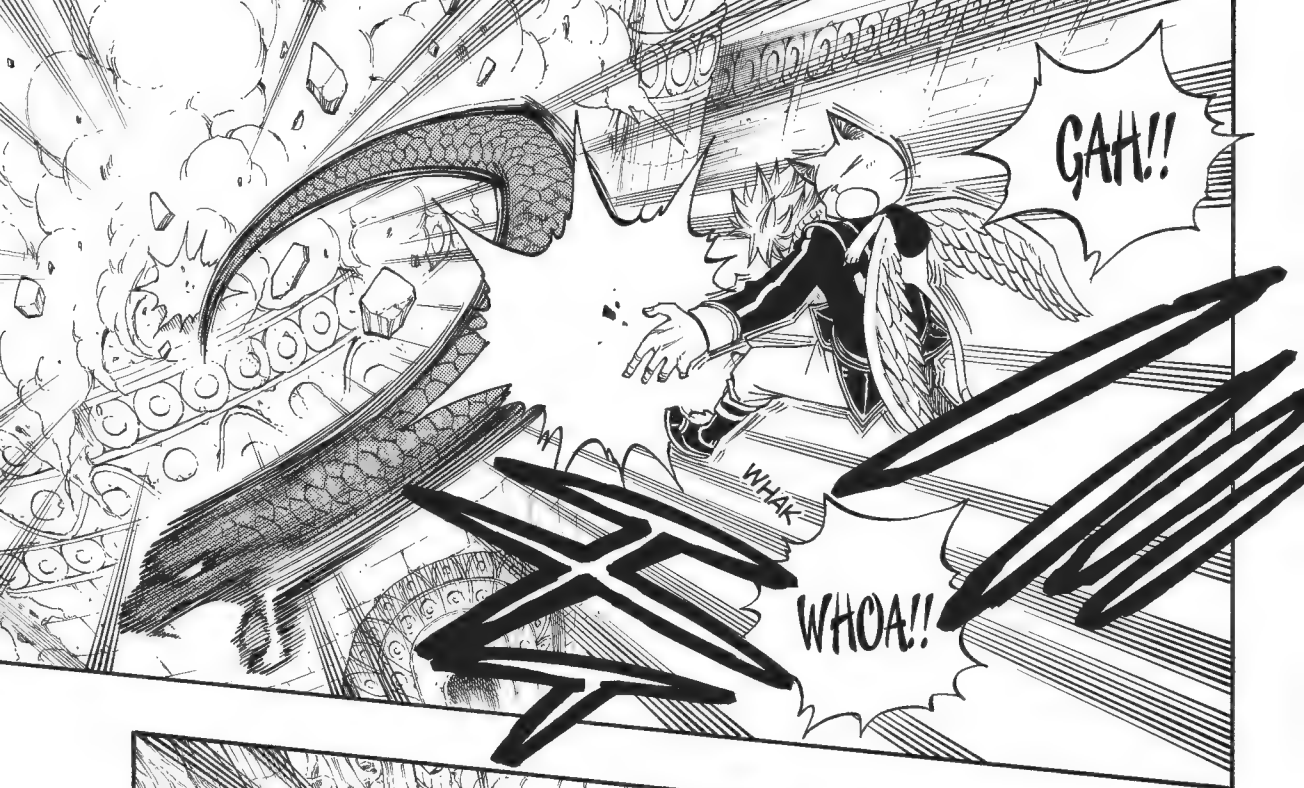




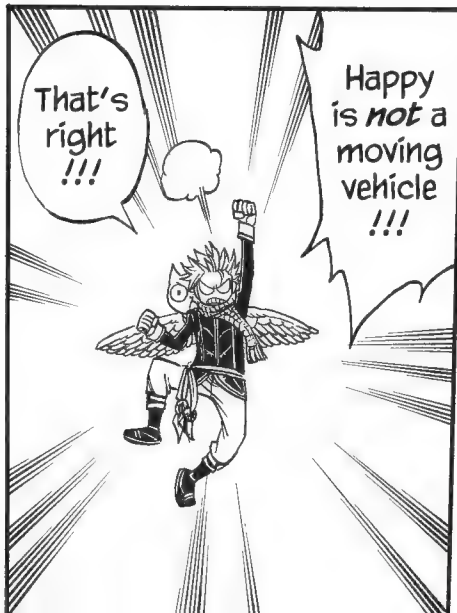


**I'M  
GONNA  
STOP  
YOUUUU  
!!!!**











**Out  
of my  
way  
!!!**

**I'm  
going  
to stop  
that huge  
thing!!!**

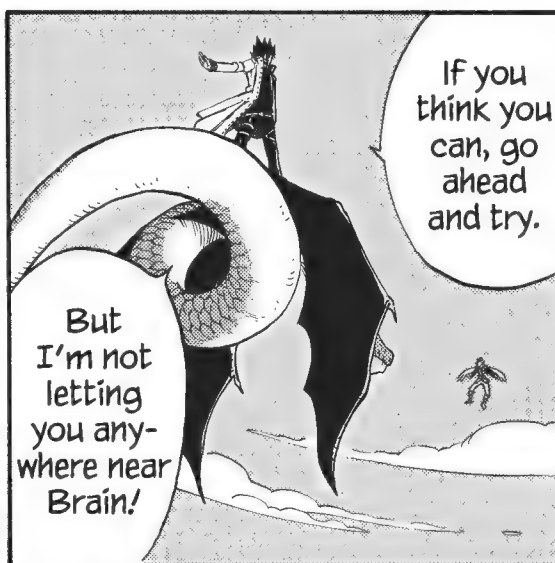


**Because  
you can't  
afford to try  
to stand on  
Nirvana.**

**I see...  
And that's  
why you're  
still flying  
now.**



**So he's  
the one  
moving  
it?**



**If you  
think you  
can, go  
ahead  
and try.**

**But  
I'm not  
letting  
you any-  
where near  
Brain!**

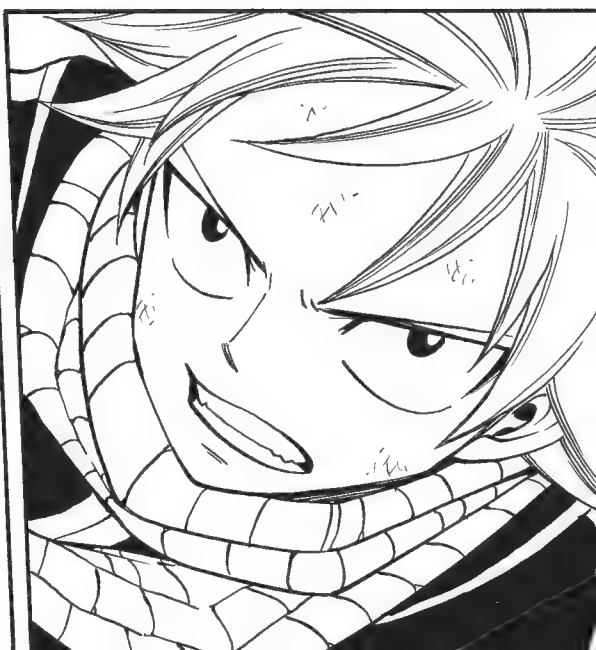
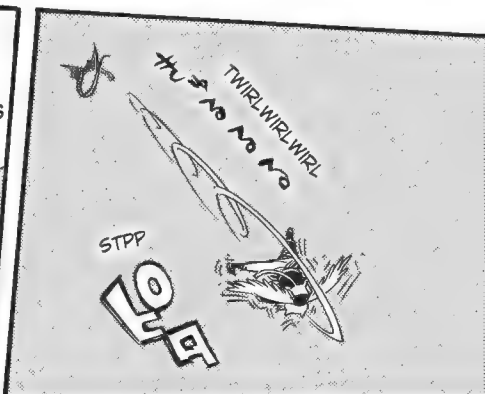


**...Or I'll  
just make  
you think  
I'm coming,  
when I'm  
actually  
aiming for  
him!!!**

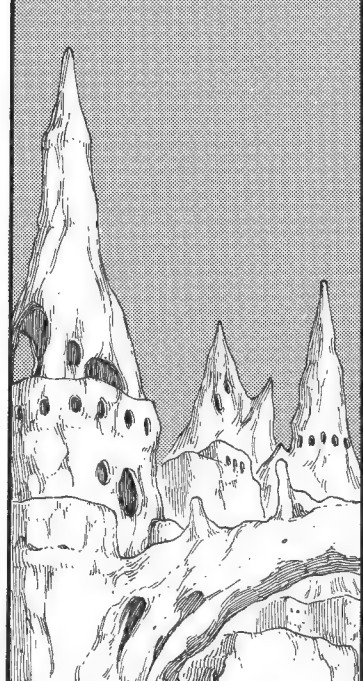


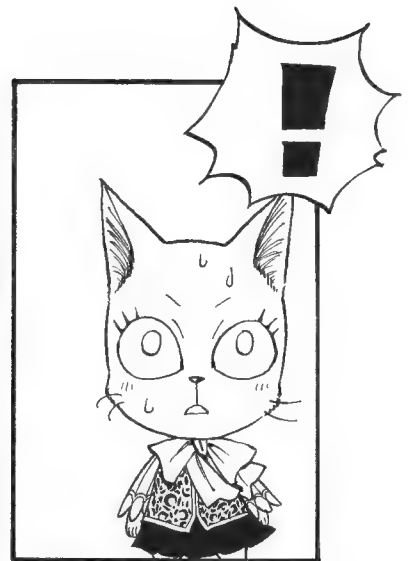
**Right....!**

**Come on,  
dragon  
slayer!**









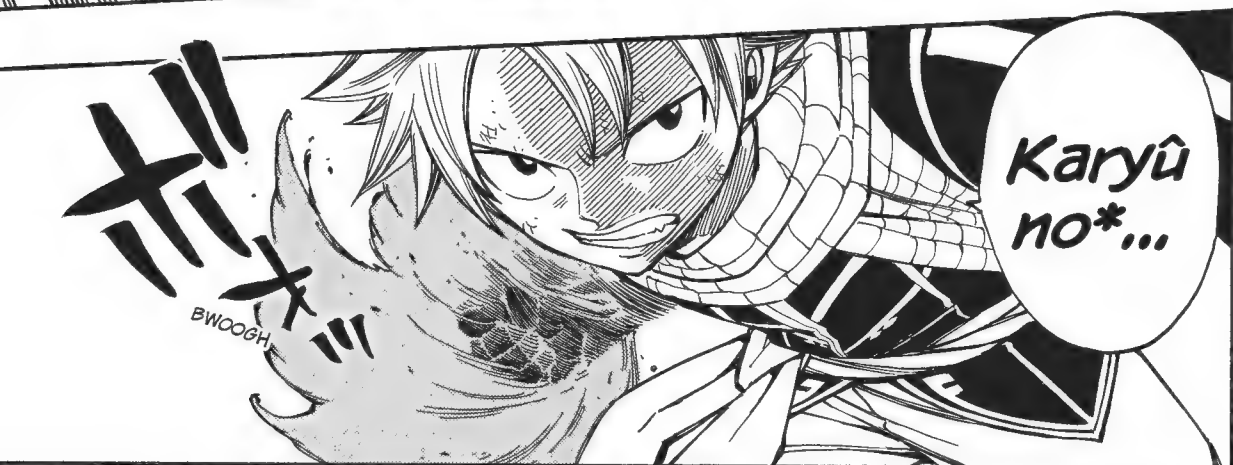
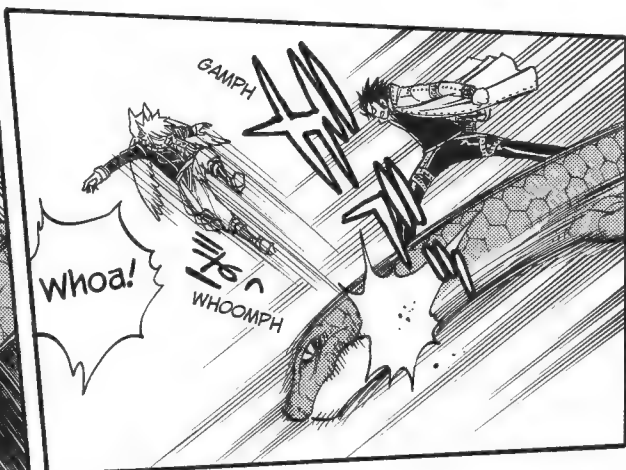
# FAIRY TAIL





## Chapter 149: The Super Aerial Battle!! Natsu vs. Cobra

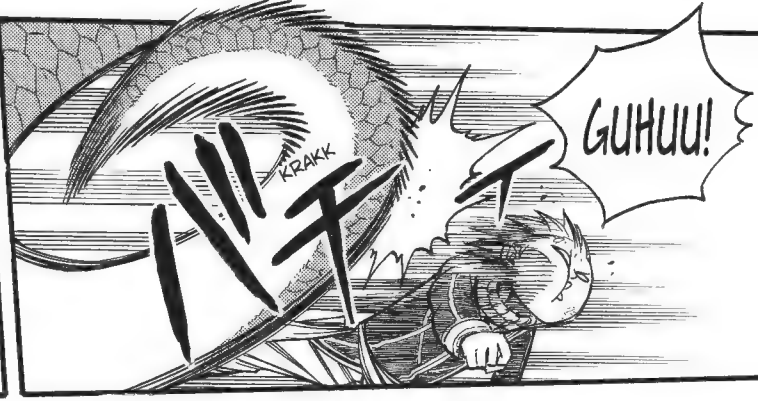
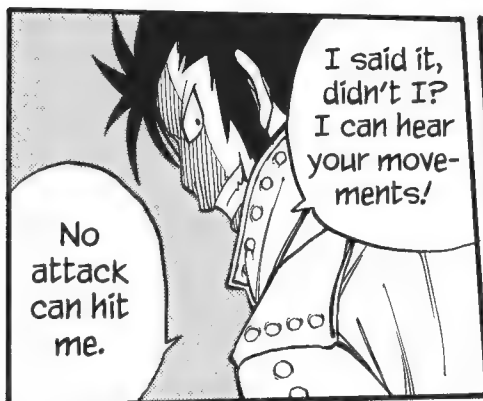




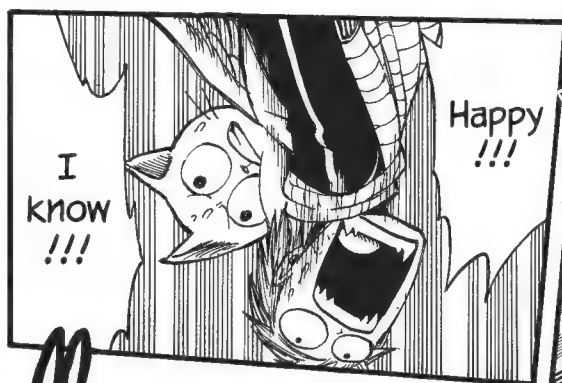


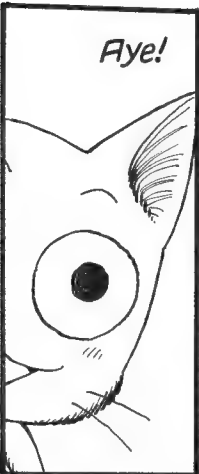
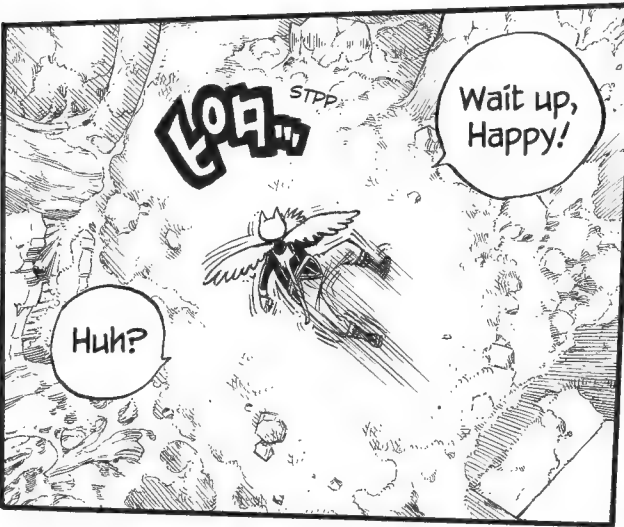
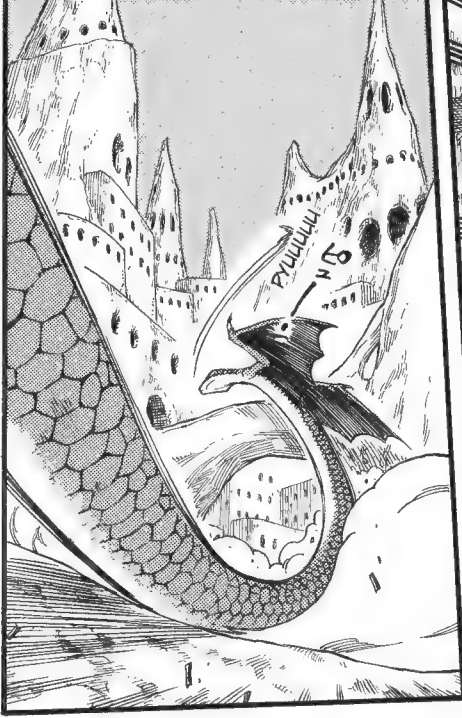


\*Iron Fist!!!!

















Did the old guy use some sort of magic to turn the guy good?

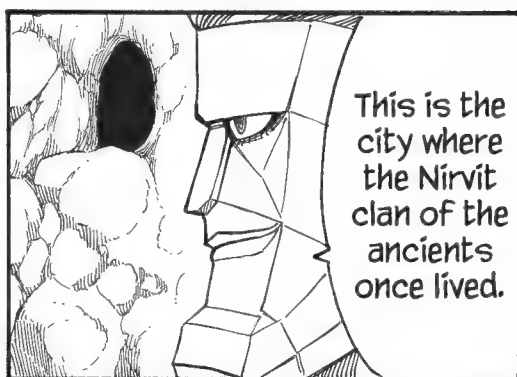
*You're kidding, right?!!*

It's a world of love!

Be at ease... He's become an ally.



There were wars all over the world some four hundred years ago.

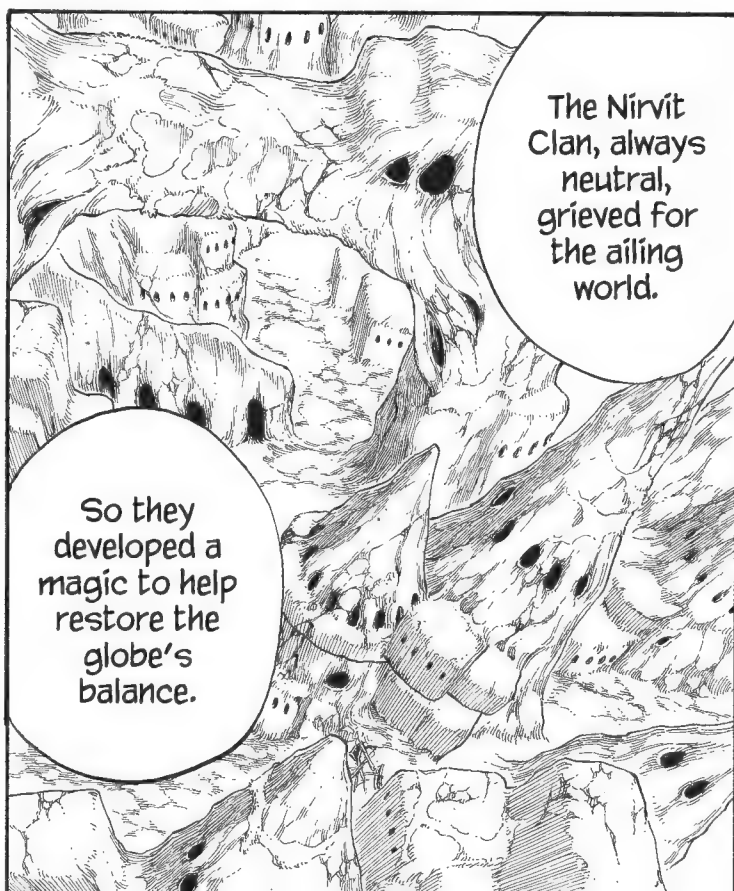


This is the city where the Nirvit clan of the ancients once lived.



A *hyper-magic* that would exchange light and darkness.

They gave that magic the name *Nirvana, Land of Peace.*



The Nirvit Clan, always neutral, grieved for the ailing world.

So they developed a magic to help restore the globe's balance.

There's no help for it.... The ancients probably never included that in their calculations.



But... It'd be great magic if it didn't have the light-turning-to-dark part!

That's pretty ironic... Giving Nirvana the name "peace." Right now... it's being used as a tool of evil.

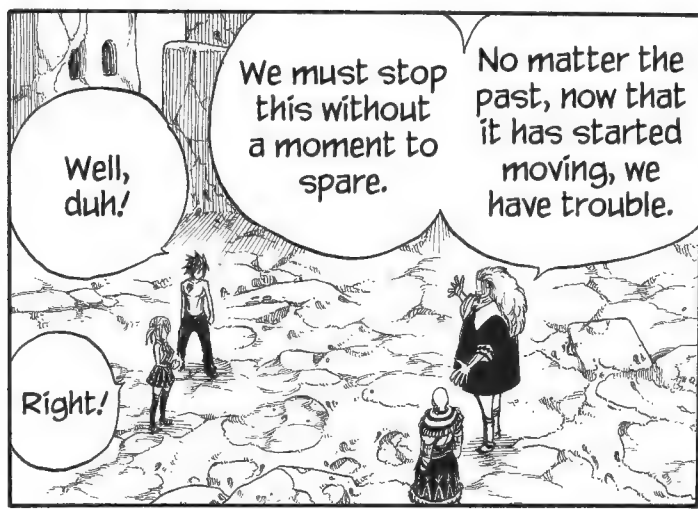


Well, duh!

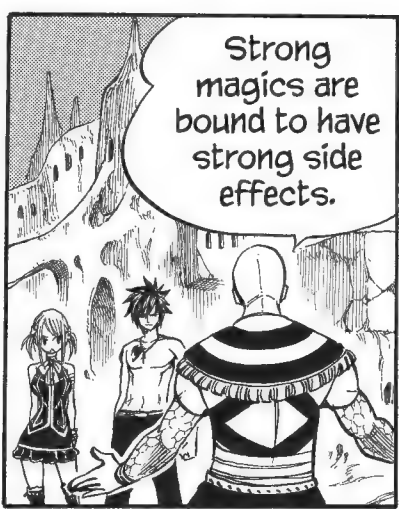
We must stop this without a moment to spare.

No matter the past, now that it has started moving, we have trouble.

Right!



Strong magics are bound to have strong side effects.

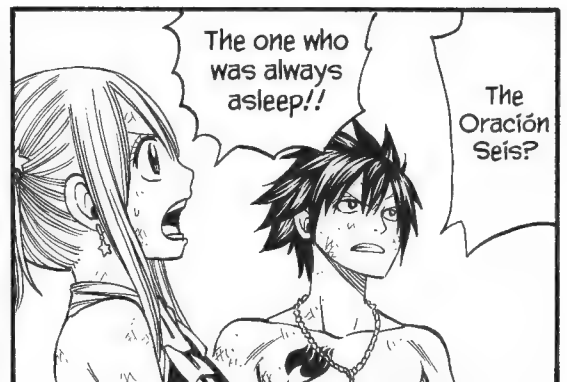
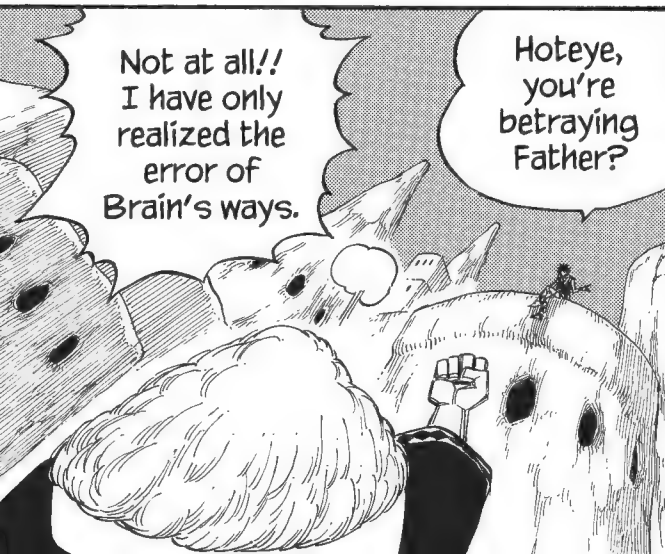
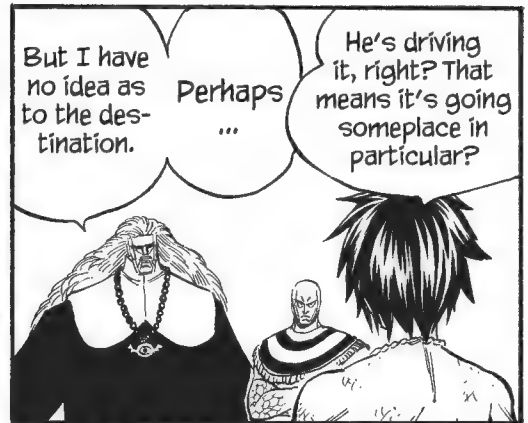


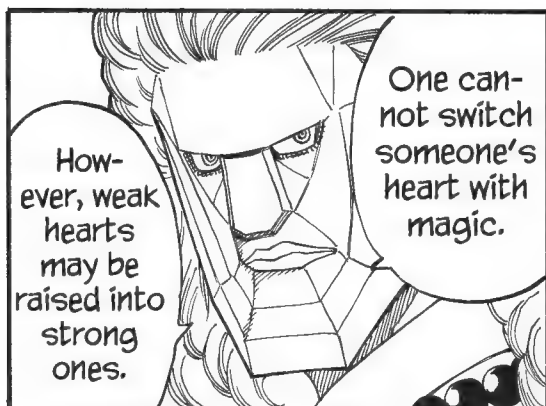
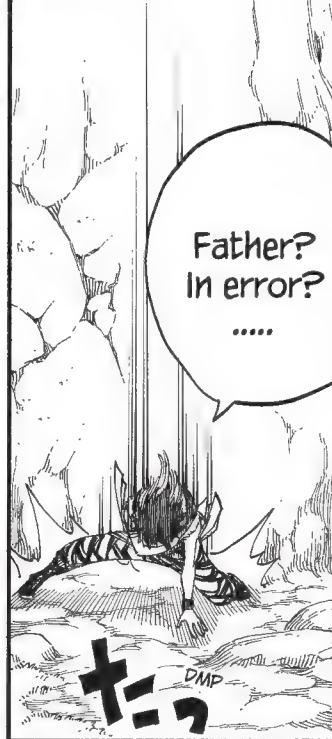
While he is, he may not use other magic. That is the chance to attack.

Brain will likely be in the central King's Hall controlling it.















You all, please  
go to the  
King's Hall!!!

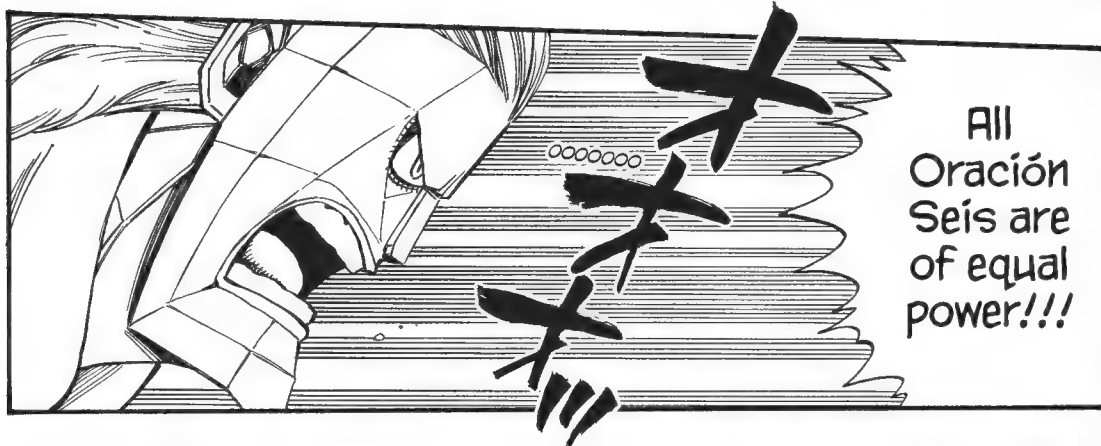


Hoteye just  
liquefied  
the ground  
below us  
and saved  
our lives.



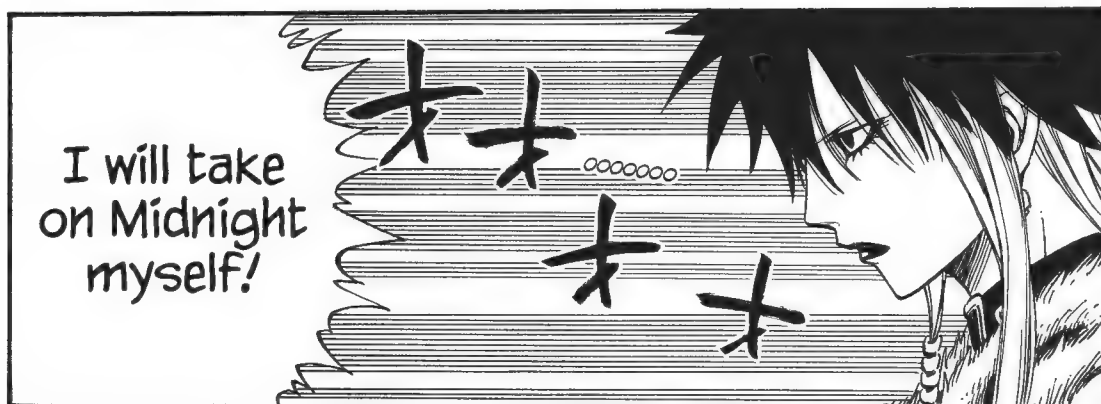
What just  
happened?!

EEEE!



All  
Oración  
Seis are  
of equal  
power!!!

I will take  
on Midnight  
myself!



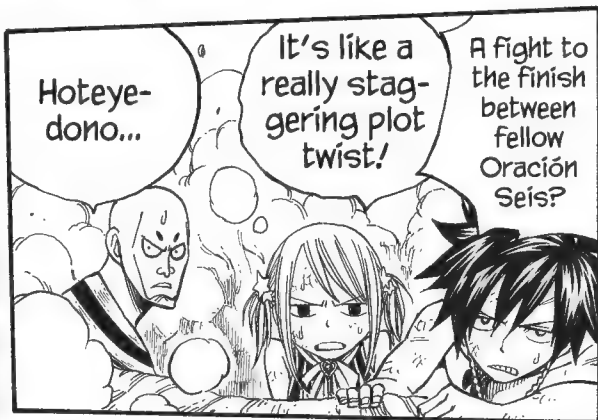


You intend to take me on?



Go quickly !!!

Now !!



Hoteye-dono...

It's like a really staggering plot twist!

A fight to the finish between fellow Oración Seis?



You're revealing your true name to the enemy?

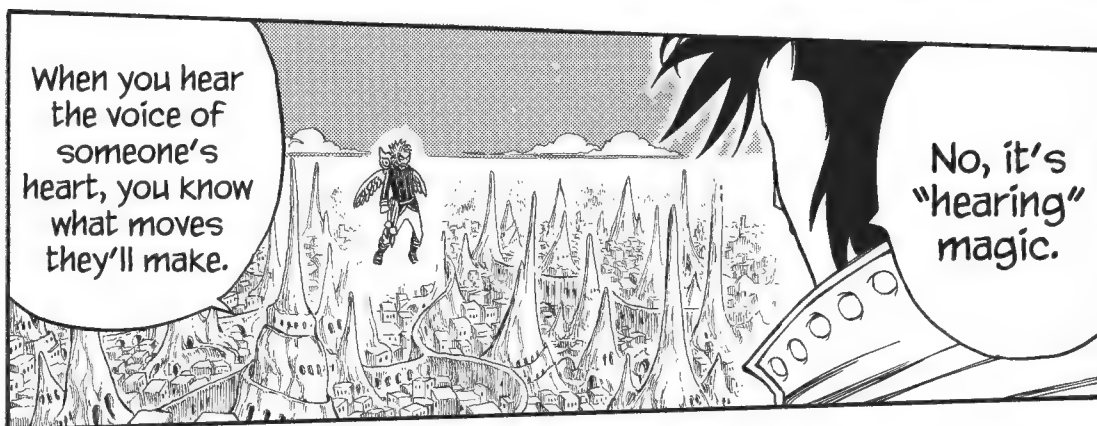
You really have fallen, Hoteye!

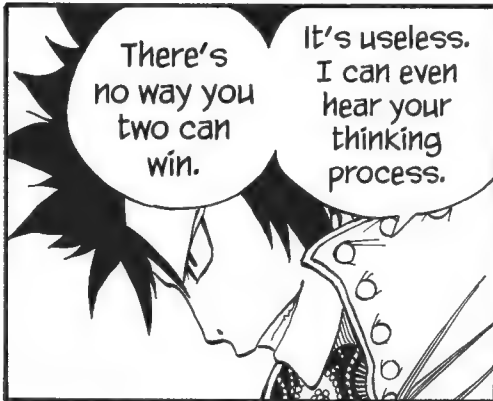
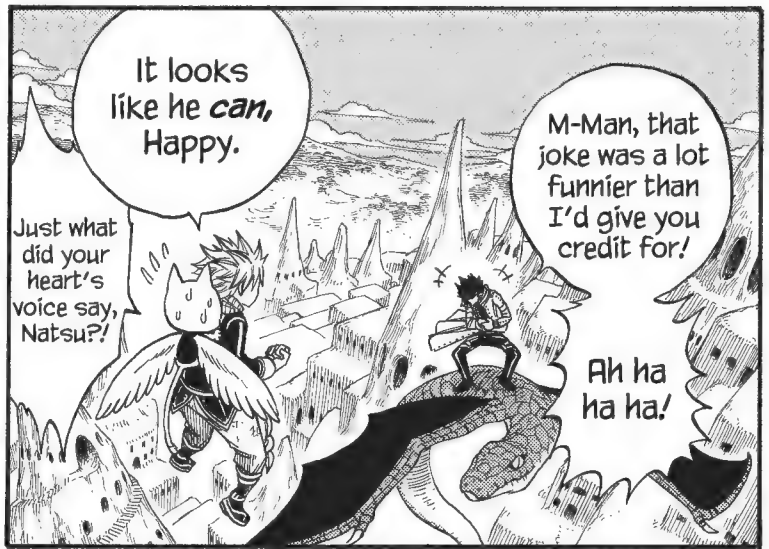


And...

My true name is Richard.

















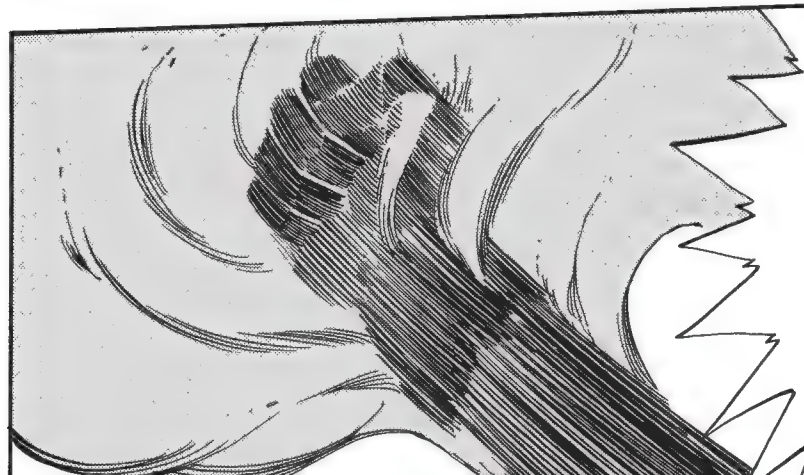


This is impossible...!!!!

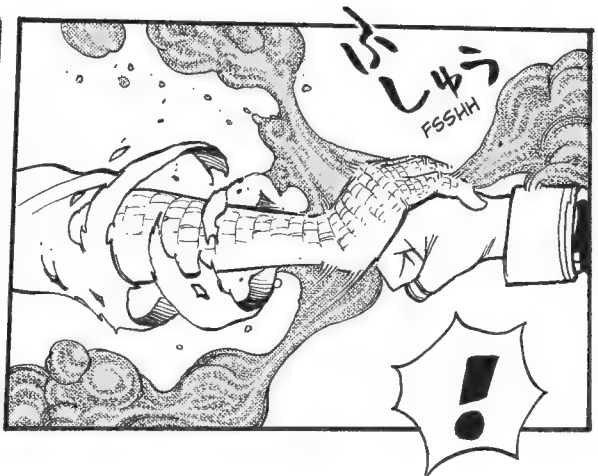
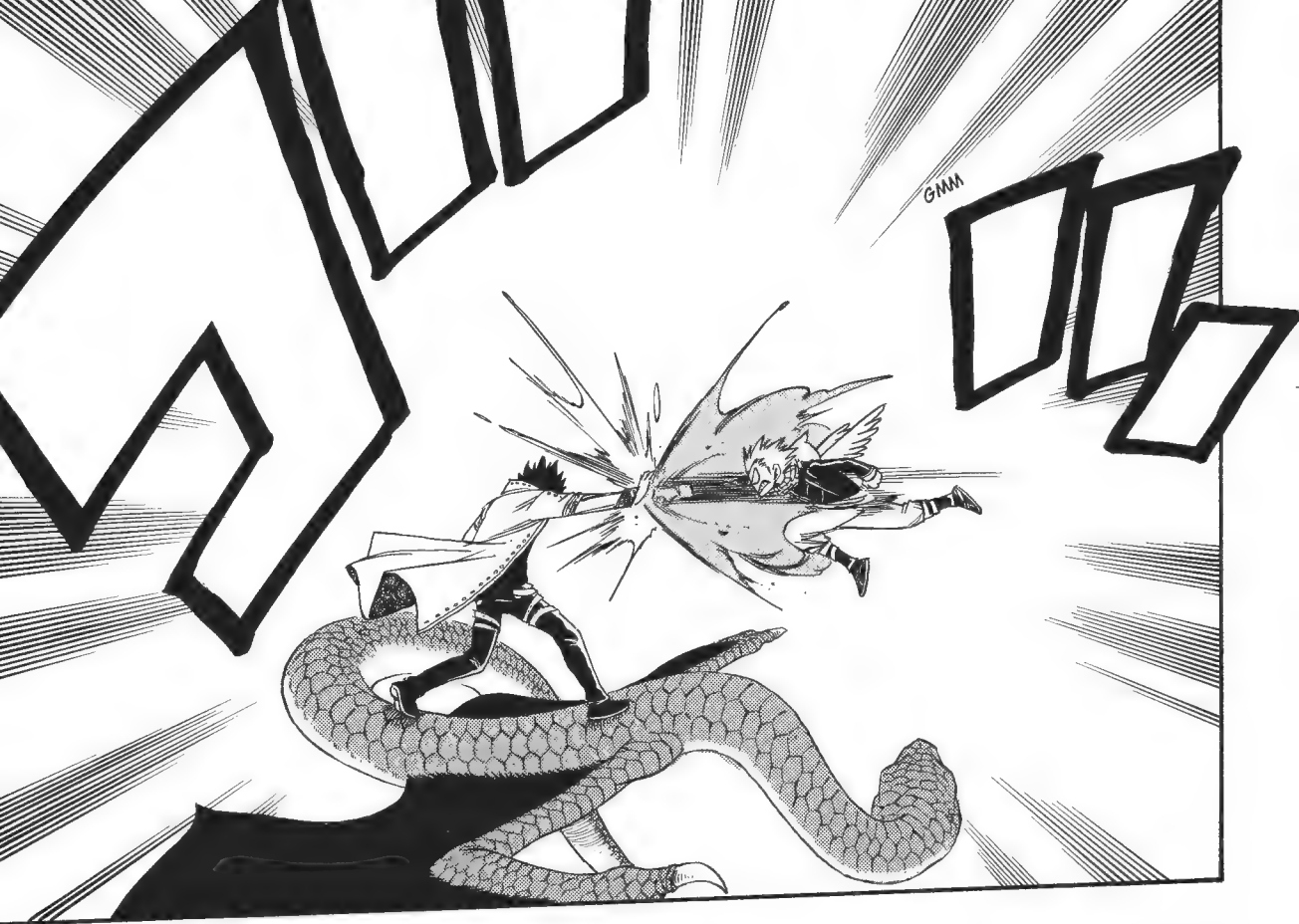


He isn't thinking anything!!!!

He...!!!!



Chha  
aaaaa  
ahhh  
!!!







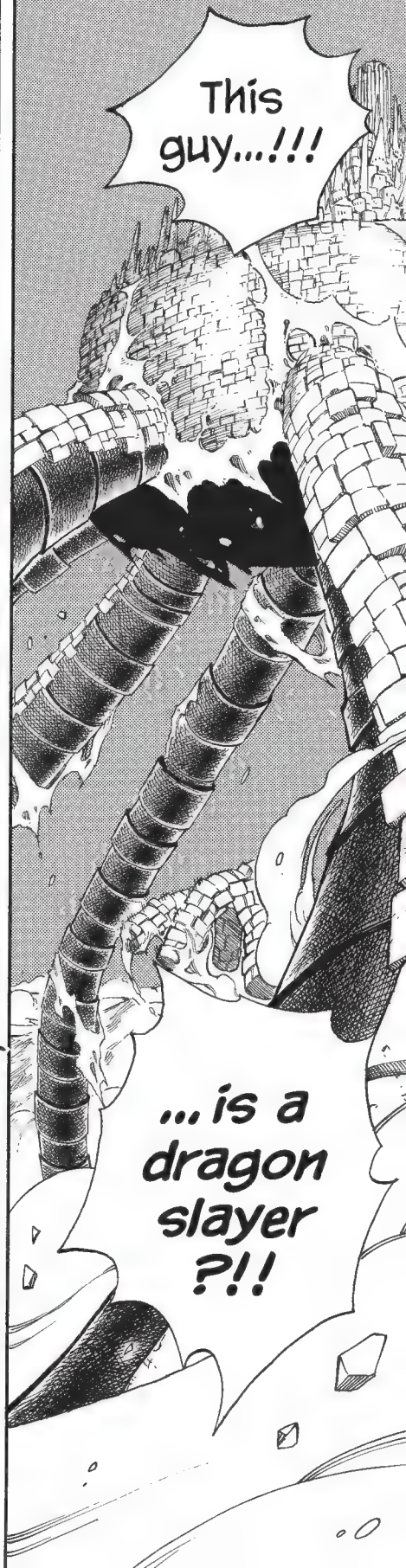


## Chapter 150: Dragon's Roar





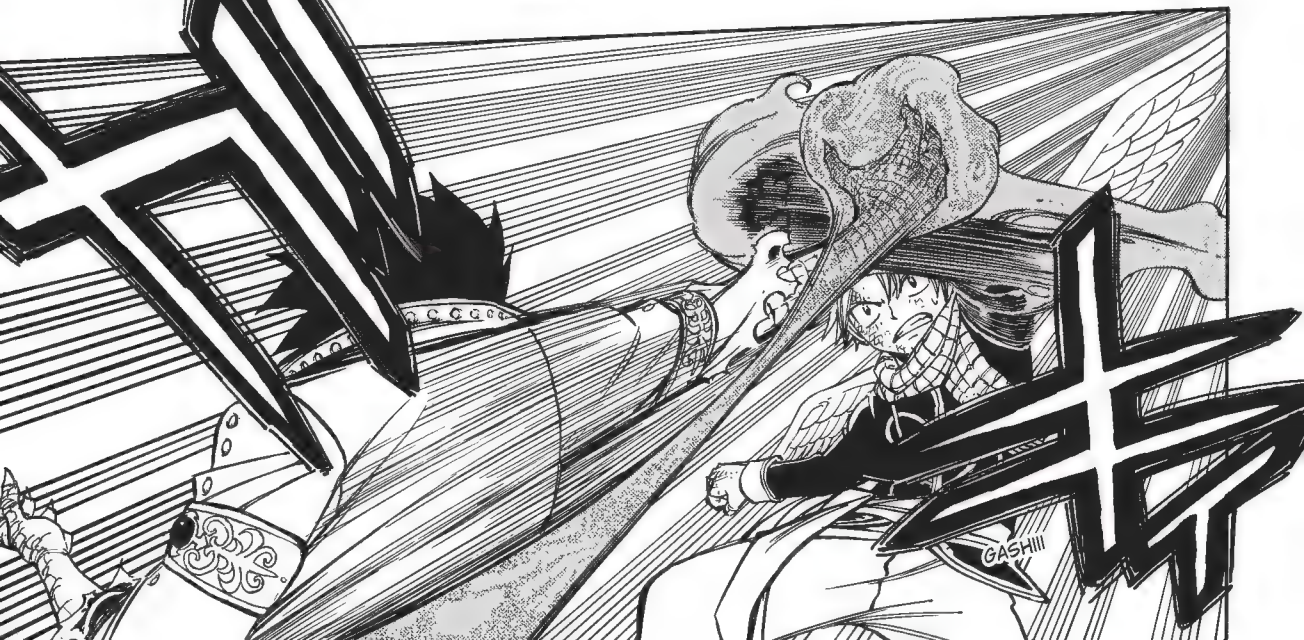
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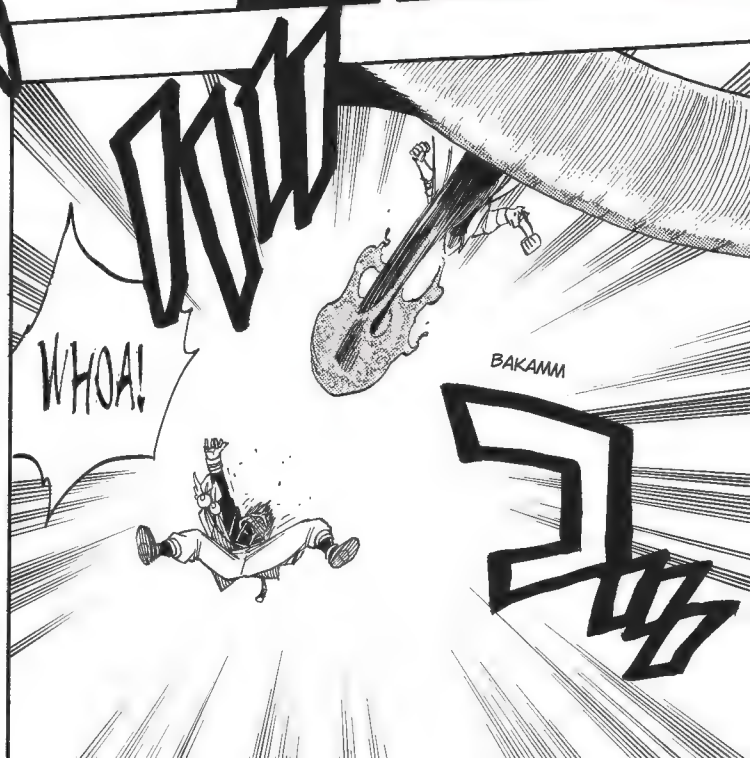
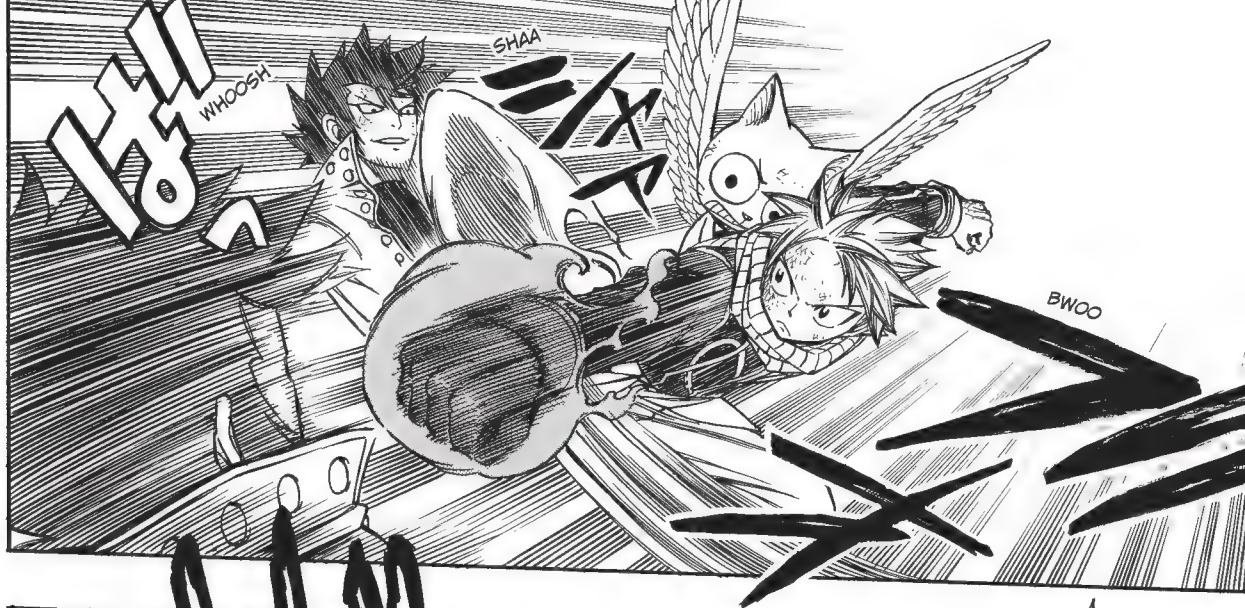
This  
guy....!!!

...is a  
dragon  
slayer  
?!!











\*Poison Dragon's...













I could hear your attack!



KARYŪ  
NO  
YOKU-  
GEKI\*  
!!!!

\*Fire Dragon's Wing Slash

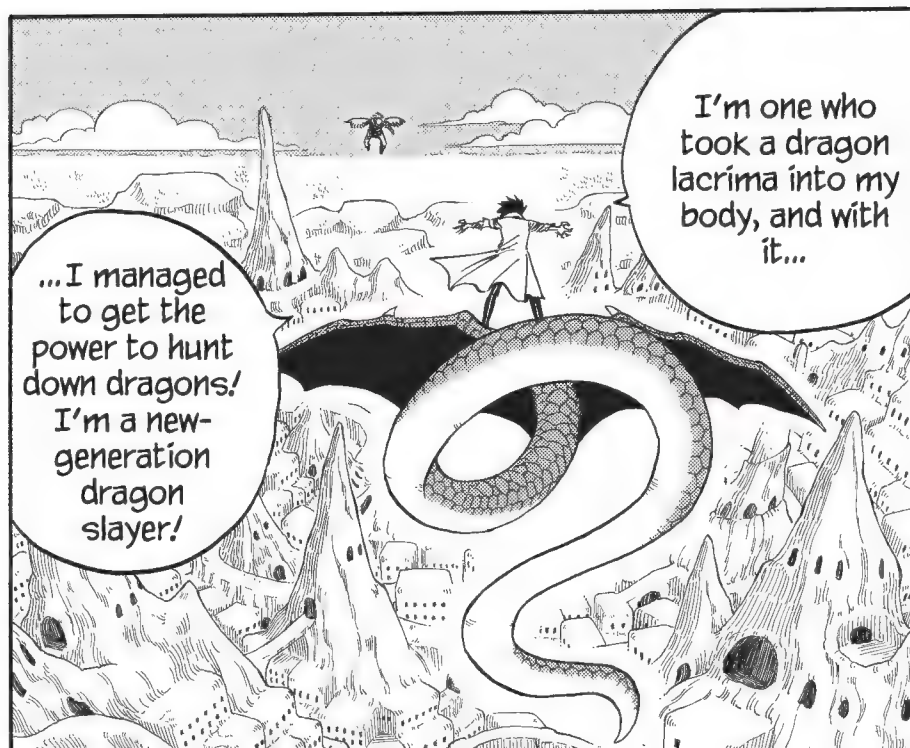


You old-generation dragon slayers can take it, huh?

Still, I'm surprised you can muster that much of an attack after taking my poison.



Dammit ...!!



...I managed to get the power to hunt down dragons! I'm a new-generation dragon slayer!

I'm one who took a dragon lacrima into my body, and with it...

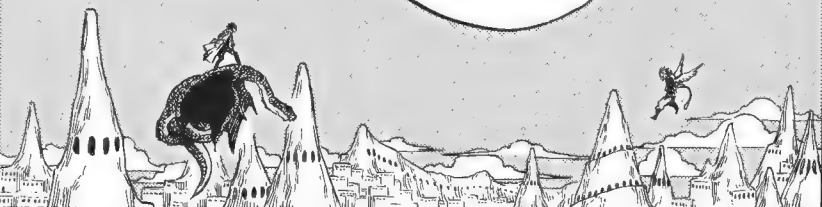


Old generation?

From my perspective, you're the suspicious one!

This magic is meant for dragons to kill each other! No way a human can learn it!

**Real?**



He's just like Laxus!!!

He isn't a *real* dragon slayer!!



**Igneel is out there somewhere!!!!**



After all, there aren't any dragons in the world.

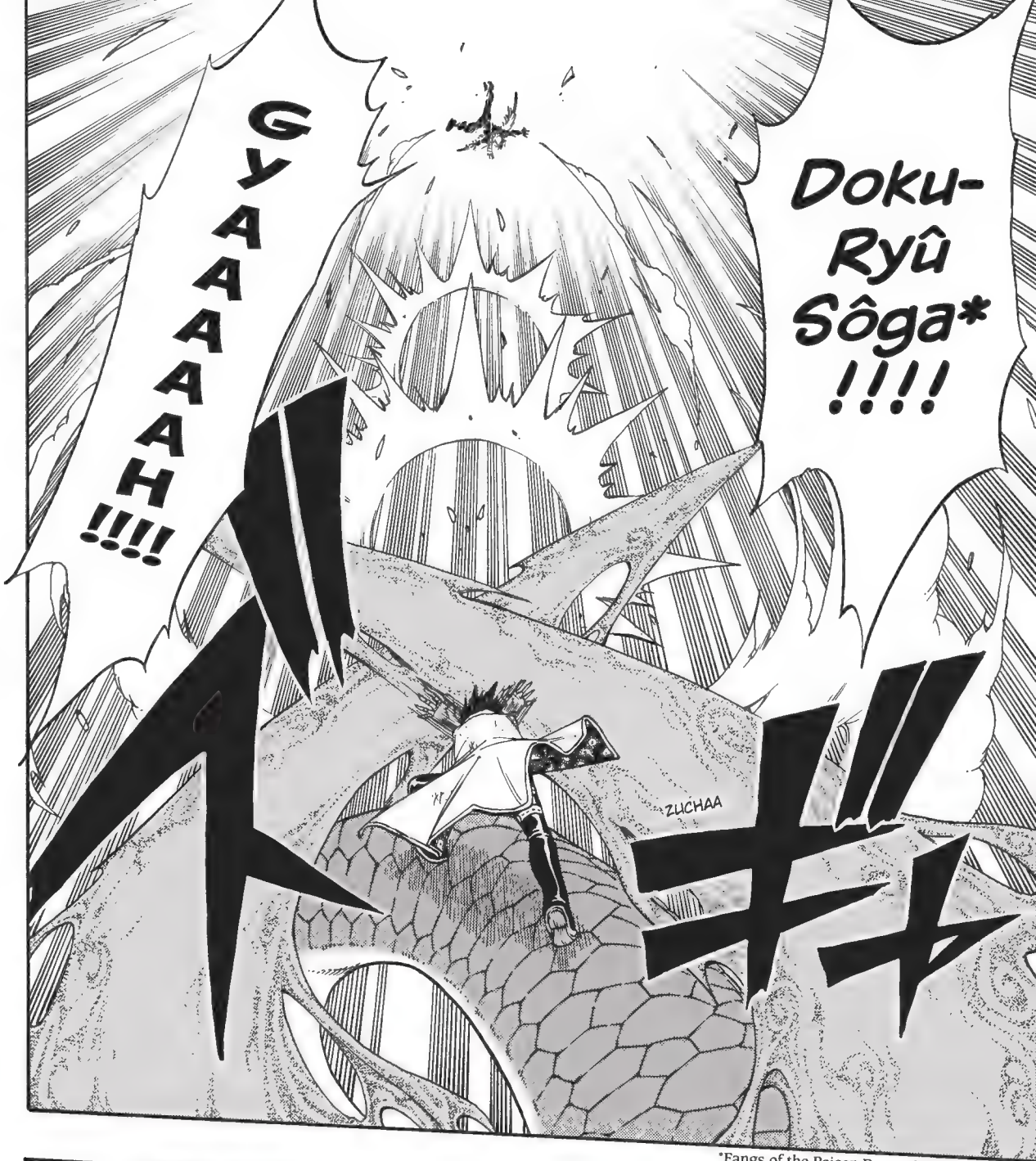


**All the dragons have been wiped out!!!!**

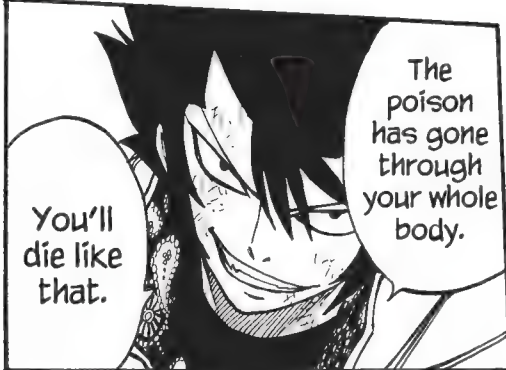


**They're all gone!!!!**



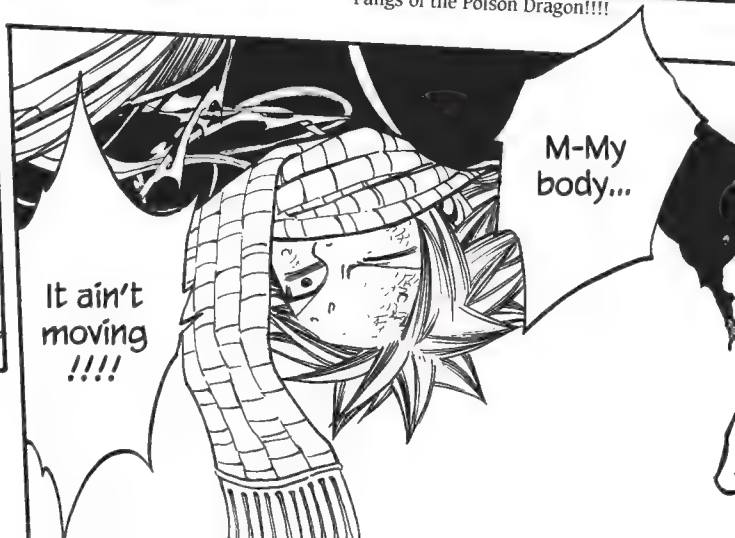


\*Fangs of the Poison Dragon!!!!



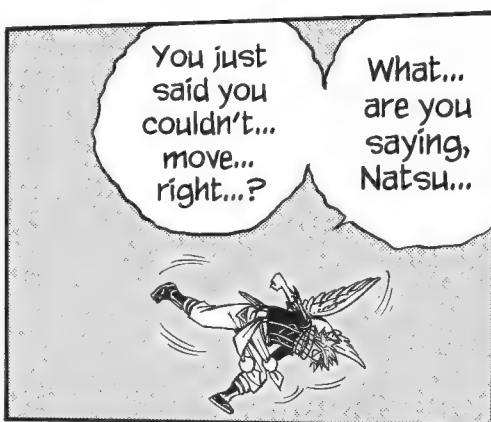
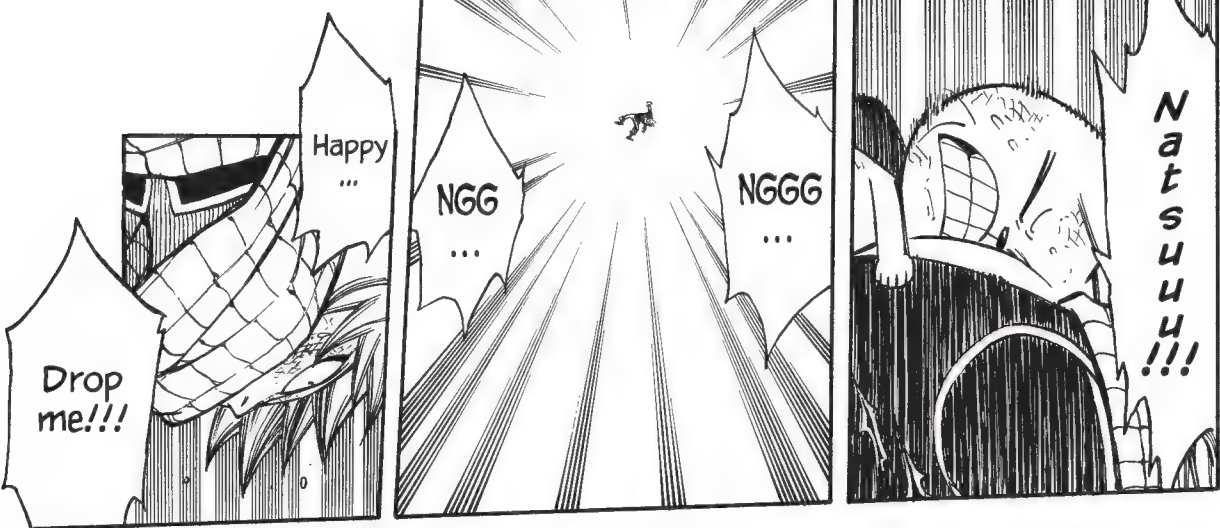
You'll die like that.

The poison has gone through your whole body.



It ain't moving  
!!!!

M-My body...



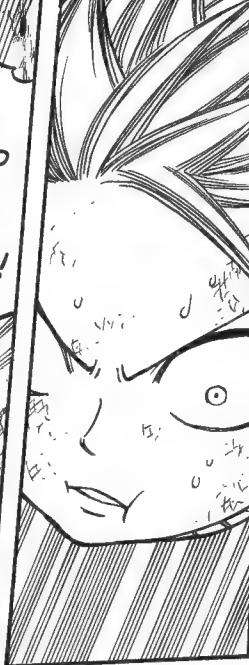






Then  
I'll rip  
your  
head  
apart!

SHA-  
KEEN



But if  
I go  
behind  
your  
head, it  
won't hit  
me!!!

SHIVASSH

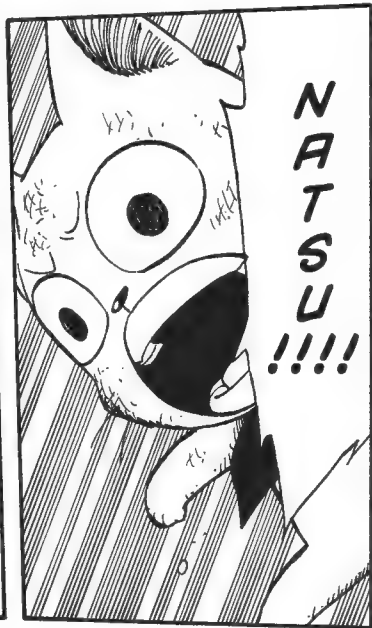


...  
SHIVASSH



Kh...

You  
...



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U  
!!!!



VCCHCHCH

!

VCCHCHCH



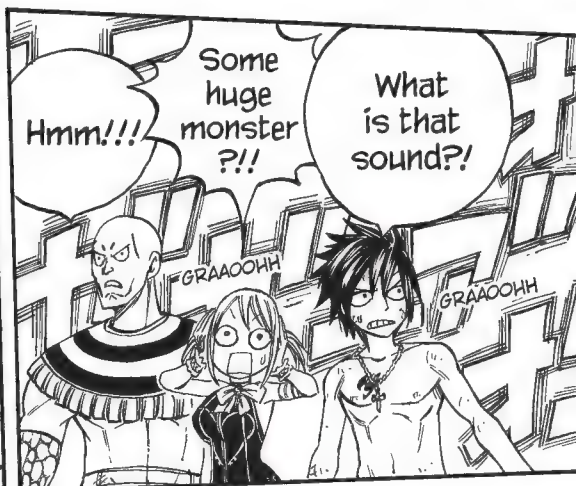
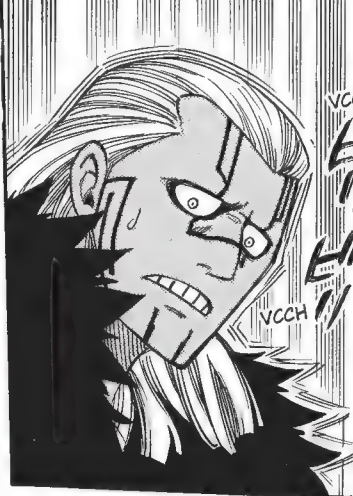




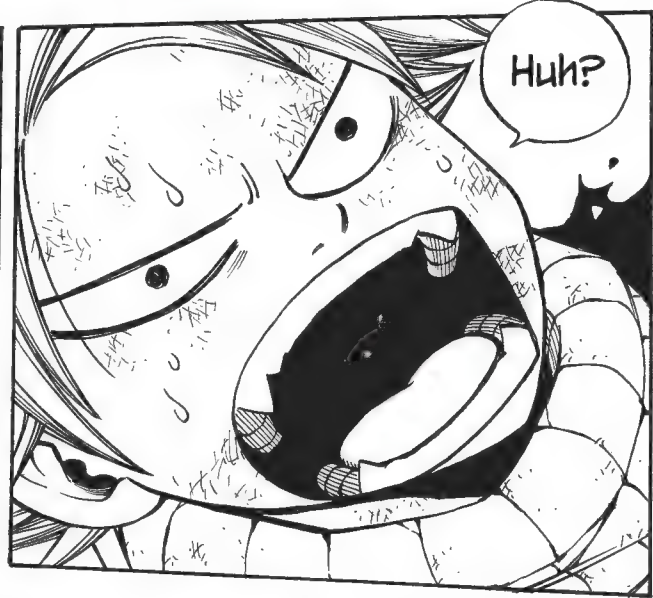
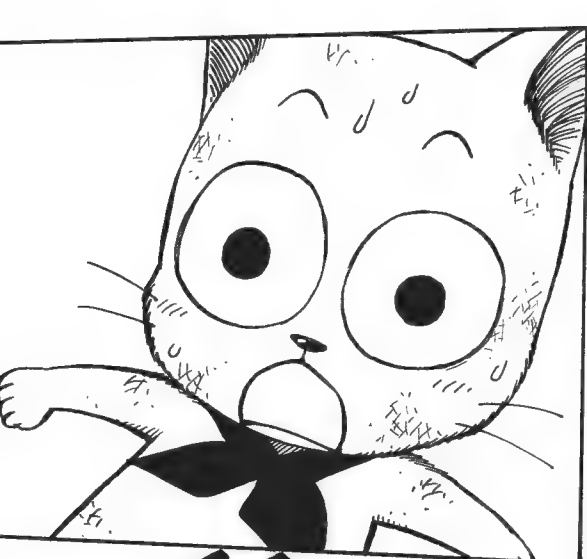














That was  
one loud  
yell.

Y-  
Yeah...



It  
wasn't  
planned.

X AH HA HA HA HA HA...

W-Well, when  
you hear too  
good, that  
gives me ideas  
too!

And it  
went just as  
planned!!



What kind  
of wizard  
is that  
boy...?!



Impos-  
sible...

He  
can take  
Cobra  
down with  
*just* a  
loud yell?

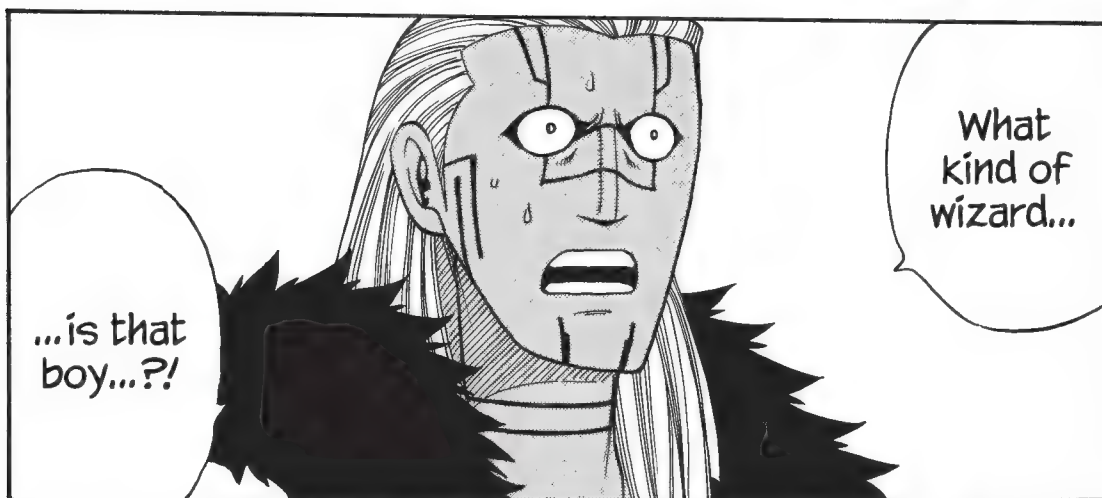
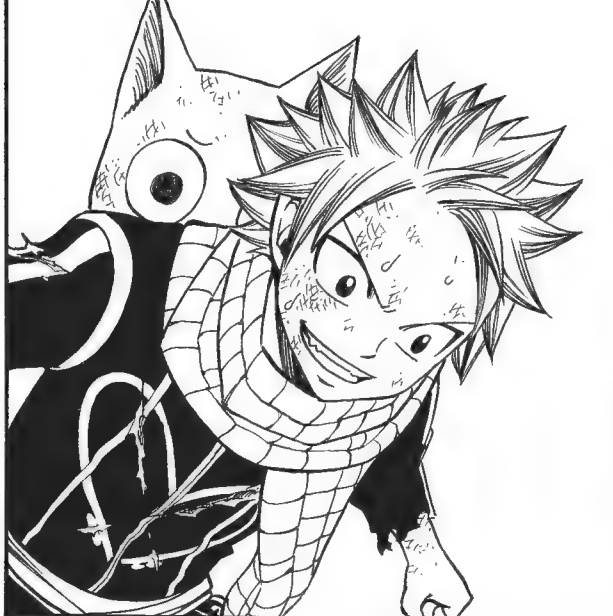


# FAIRY TAIL

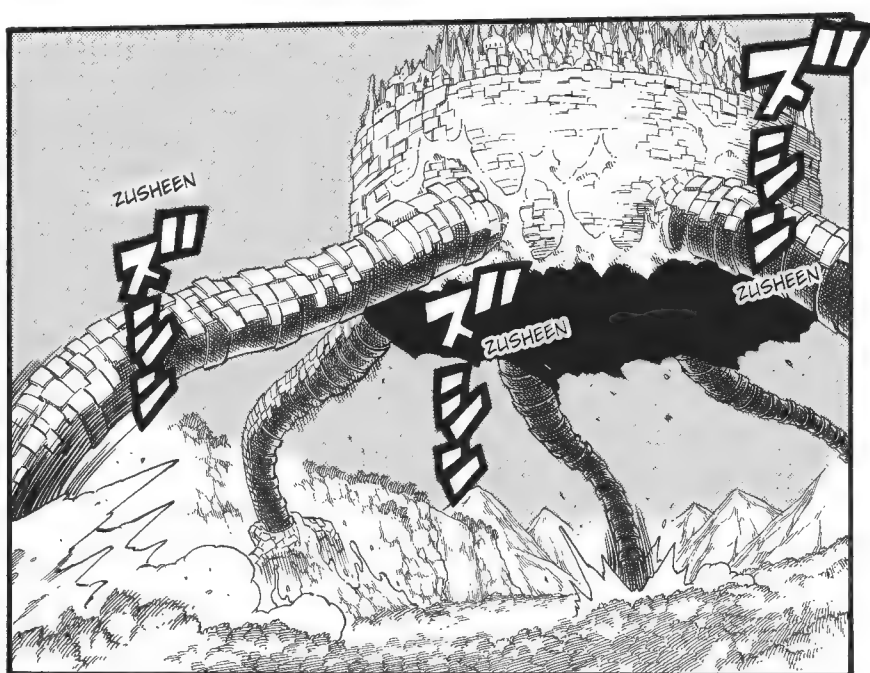
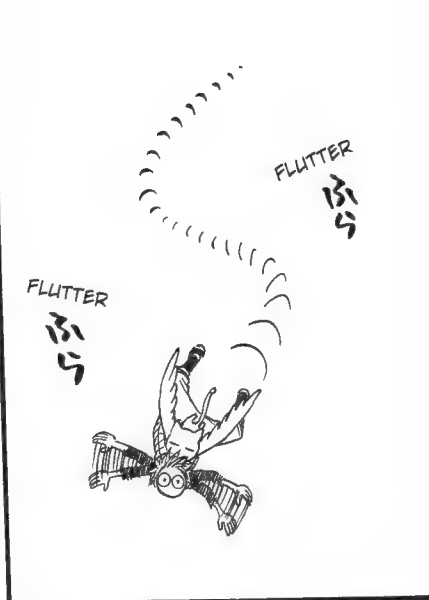
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**Chapter 151: Annihilation of Six Demons?!**









DIE

...

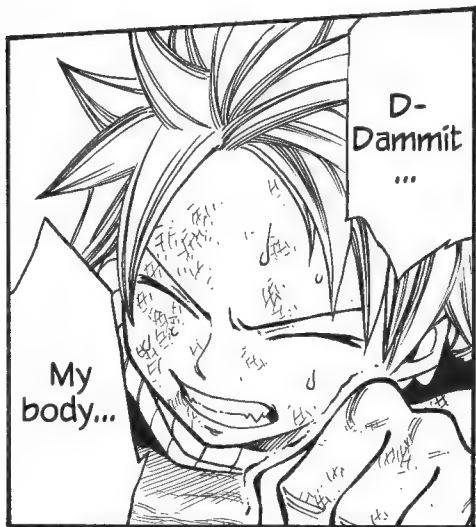


For the  
pride of  
the six  
demons...

...I  
have to  
take you  
down...

HAHH

HAHH



D-  
Dammit

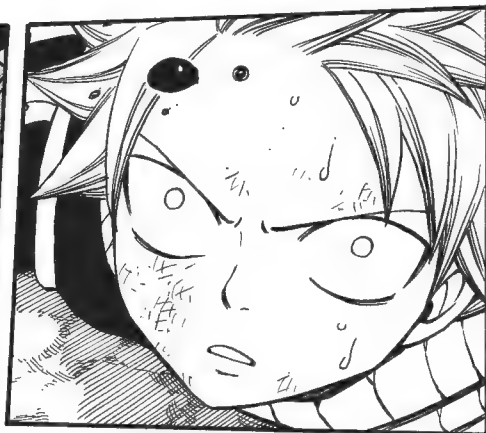
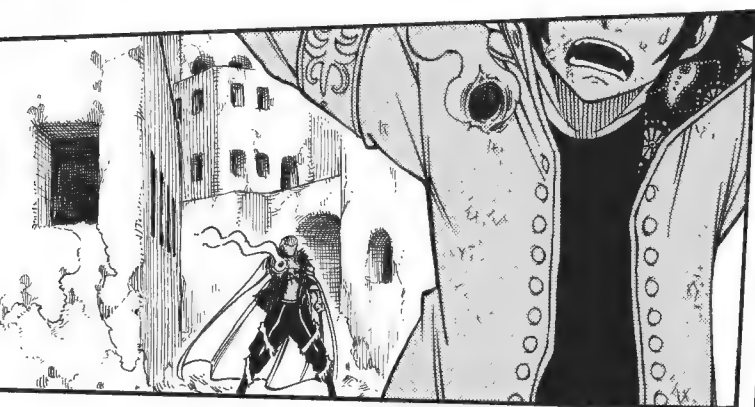
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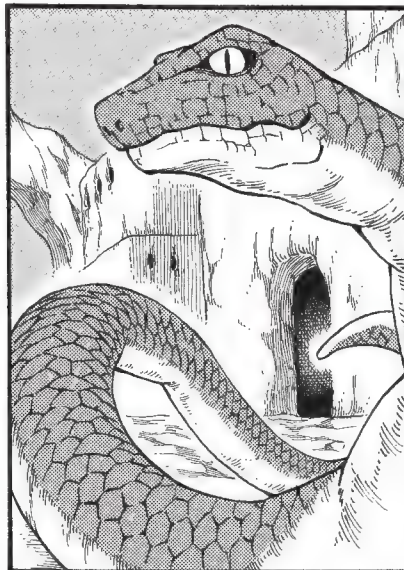
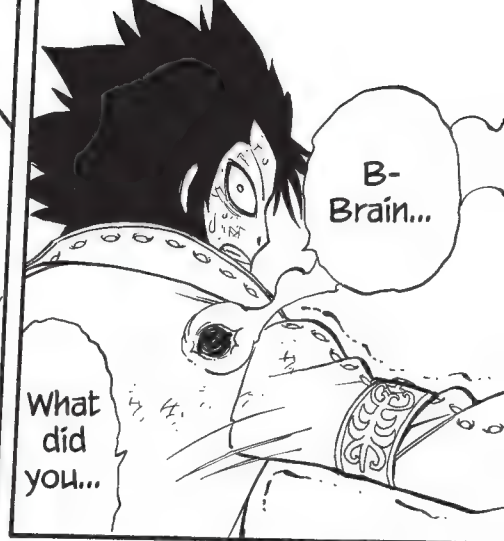
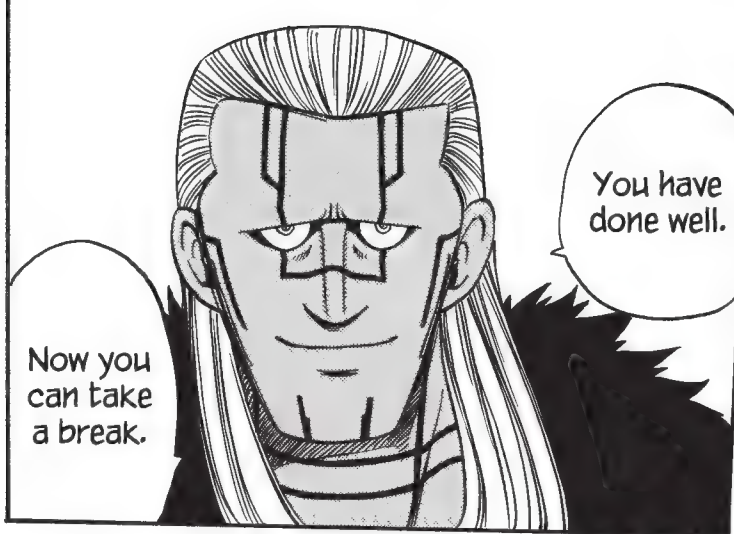
My  
body...



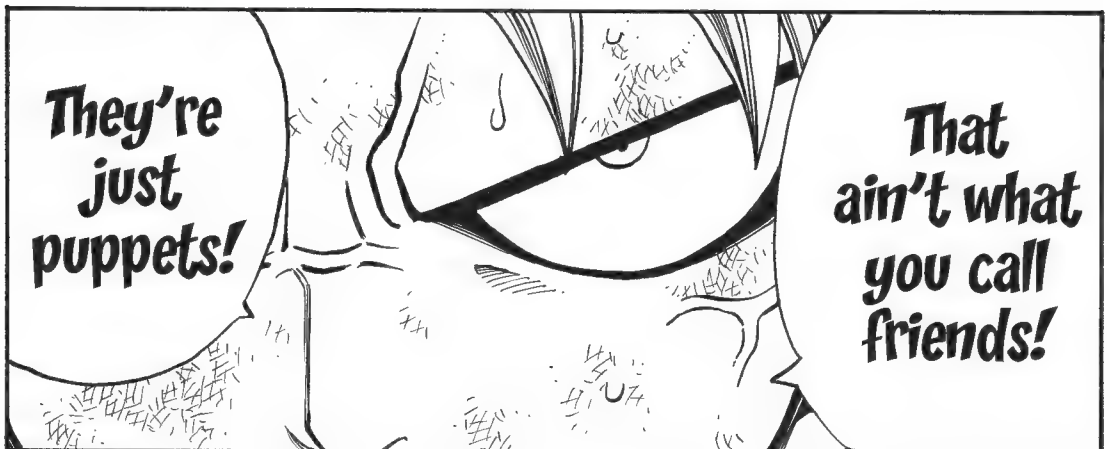
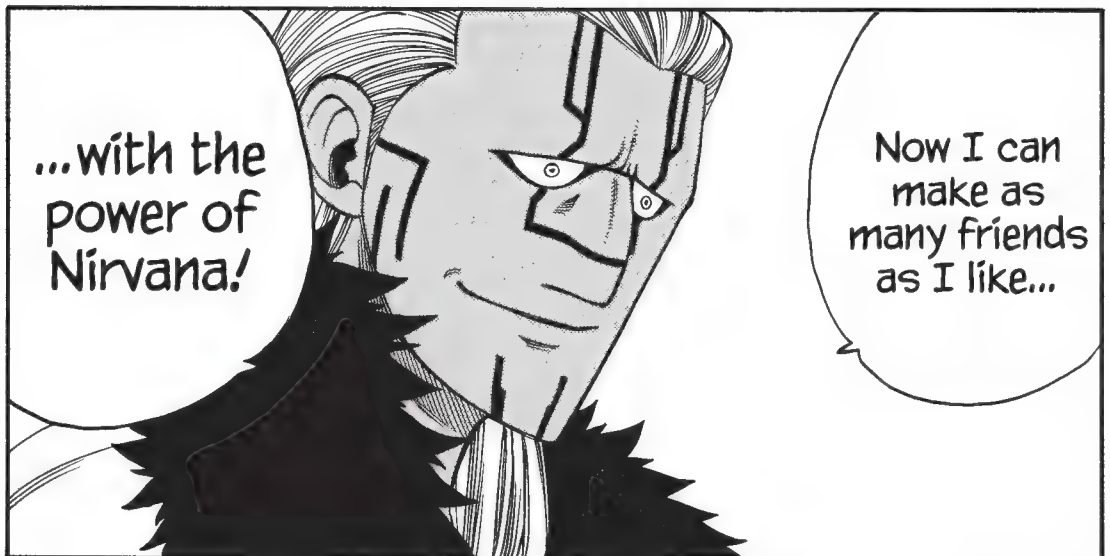
Look  
at the old-  
generation  
dragon  
slayer now  
...!!!!

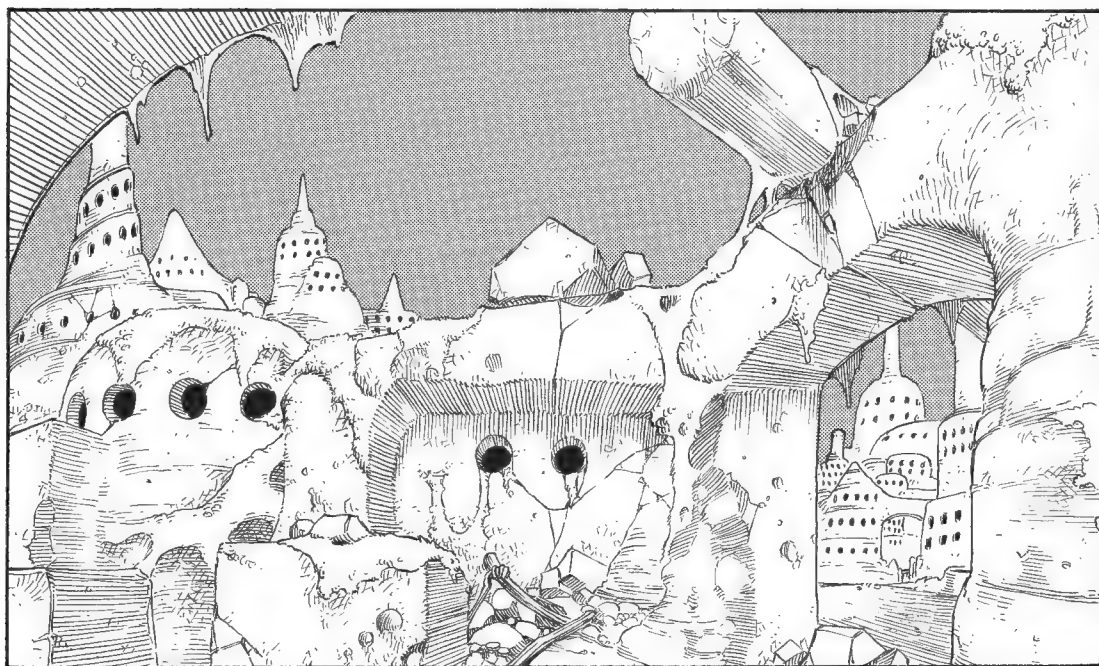
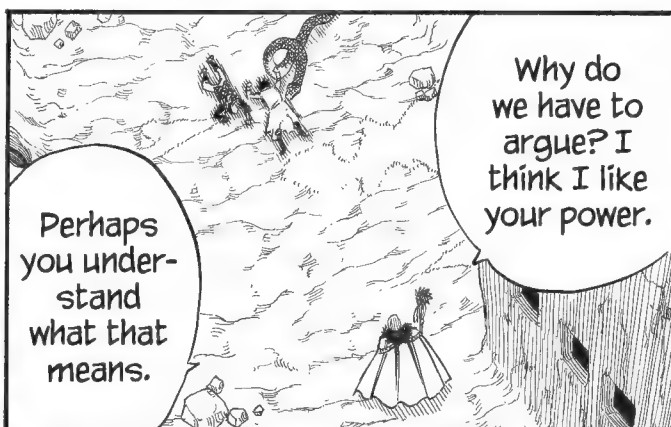




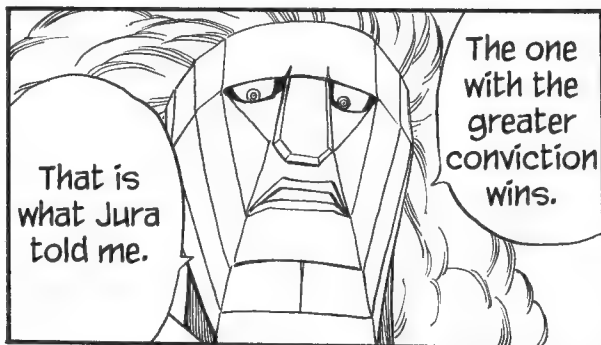


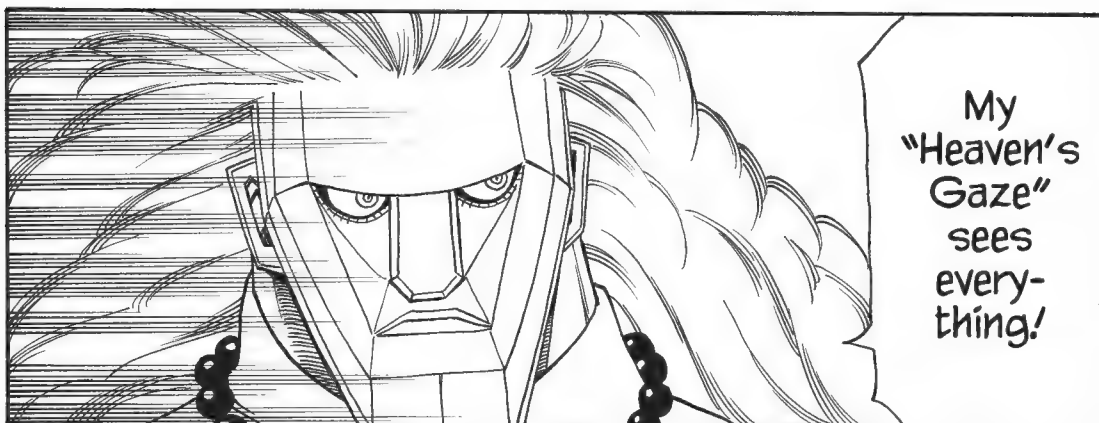




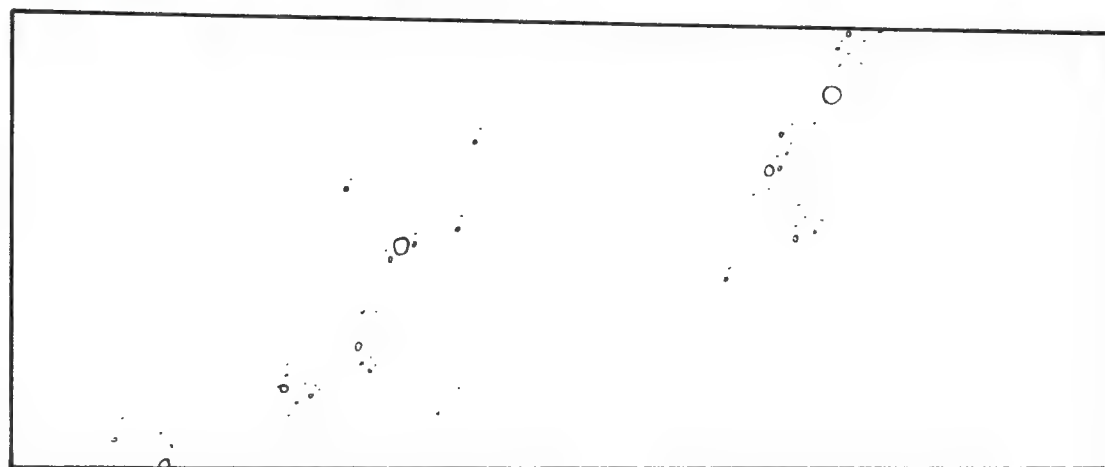






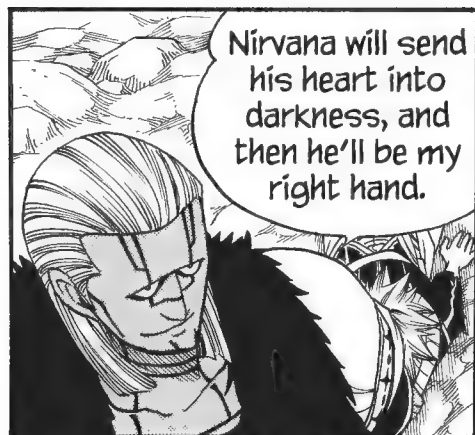


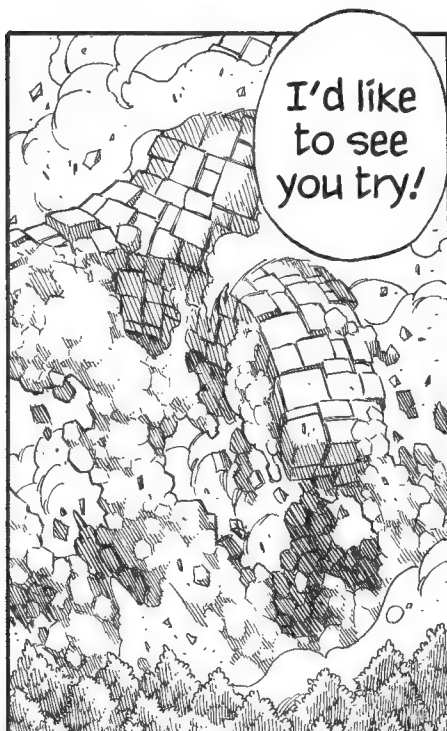








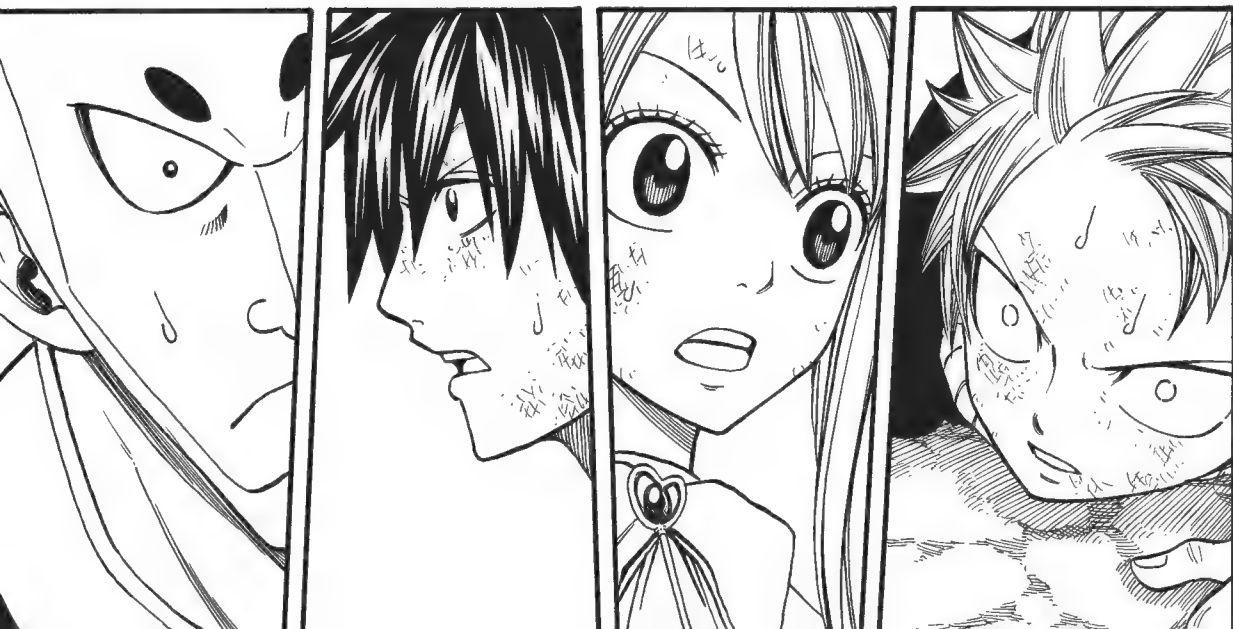






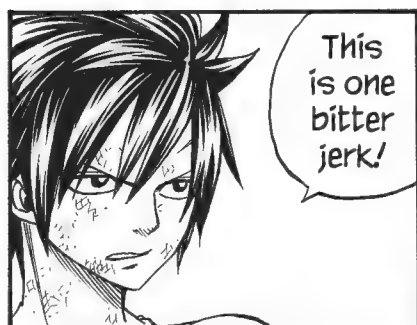
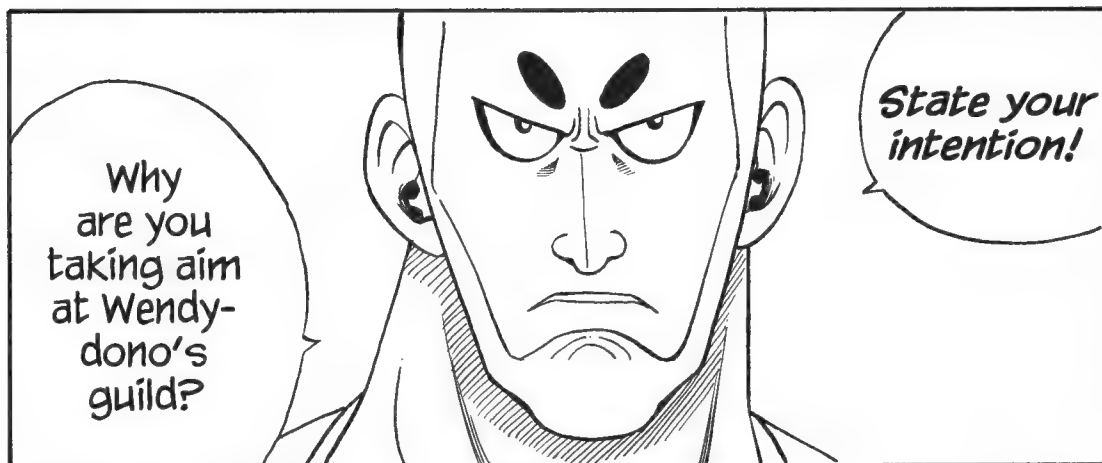
**It'll arrive at  
Cait Shelter!**

**This city will  
soon be at its  
first goal!**



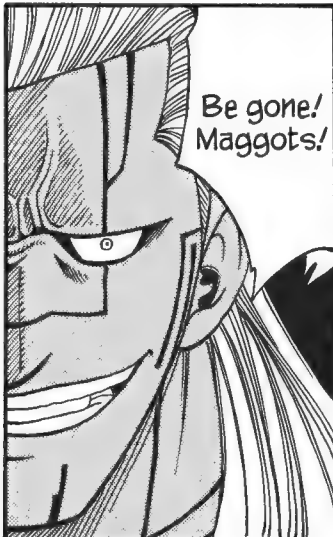


Why?



So  
I'm looking forward to it...  
Seeing hell on Earth!





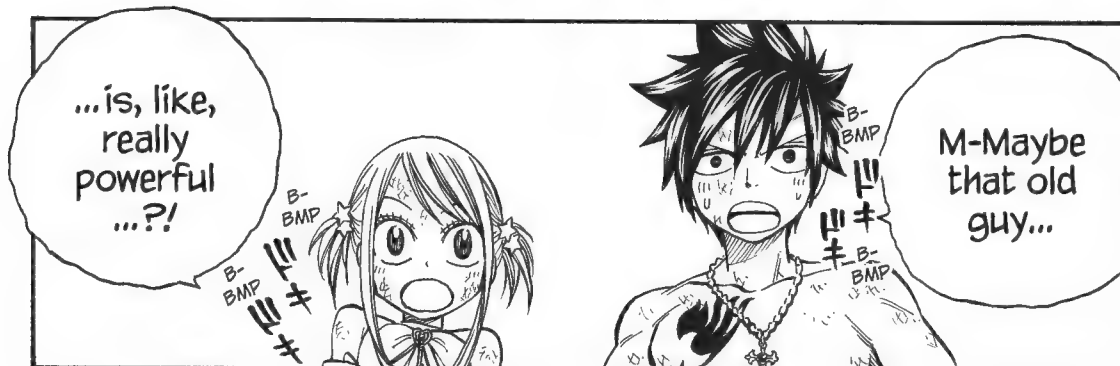
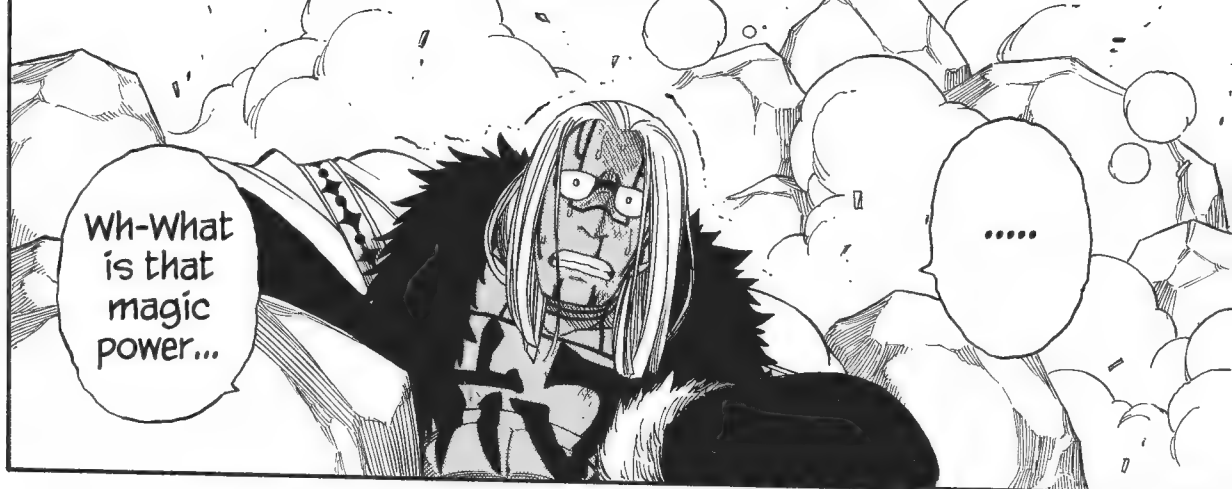
WHOOSH

ばーん









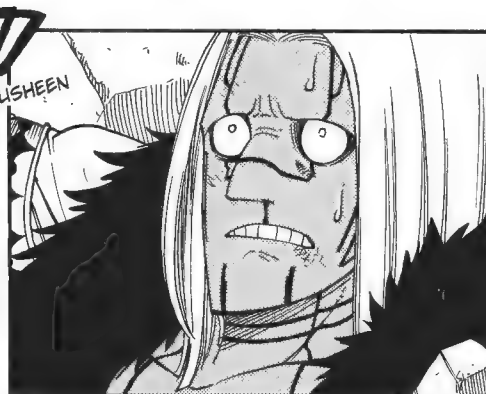
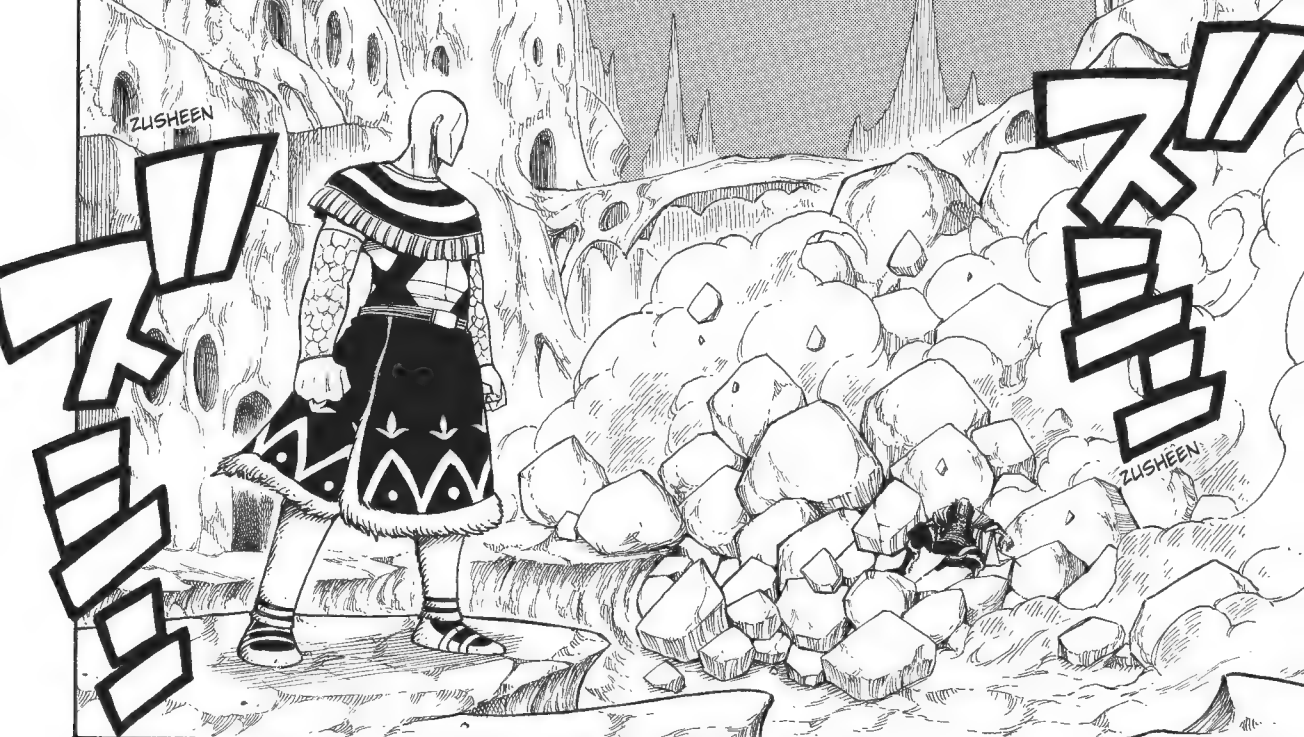


# Fairy Tail

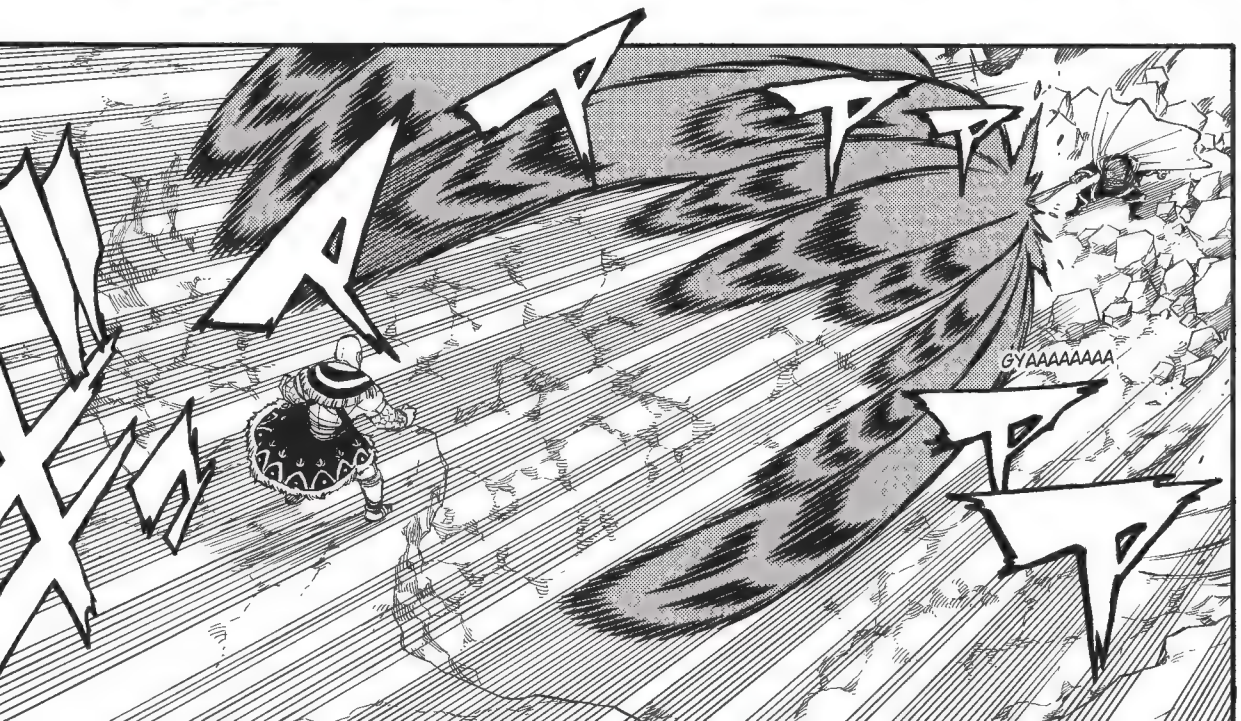
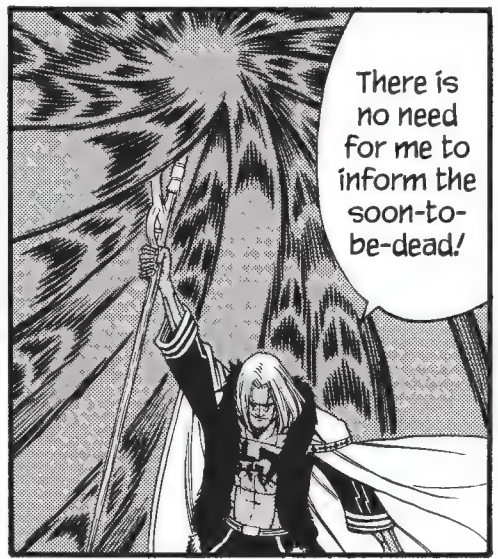
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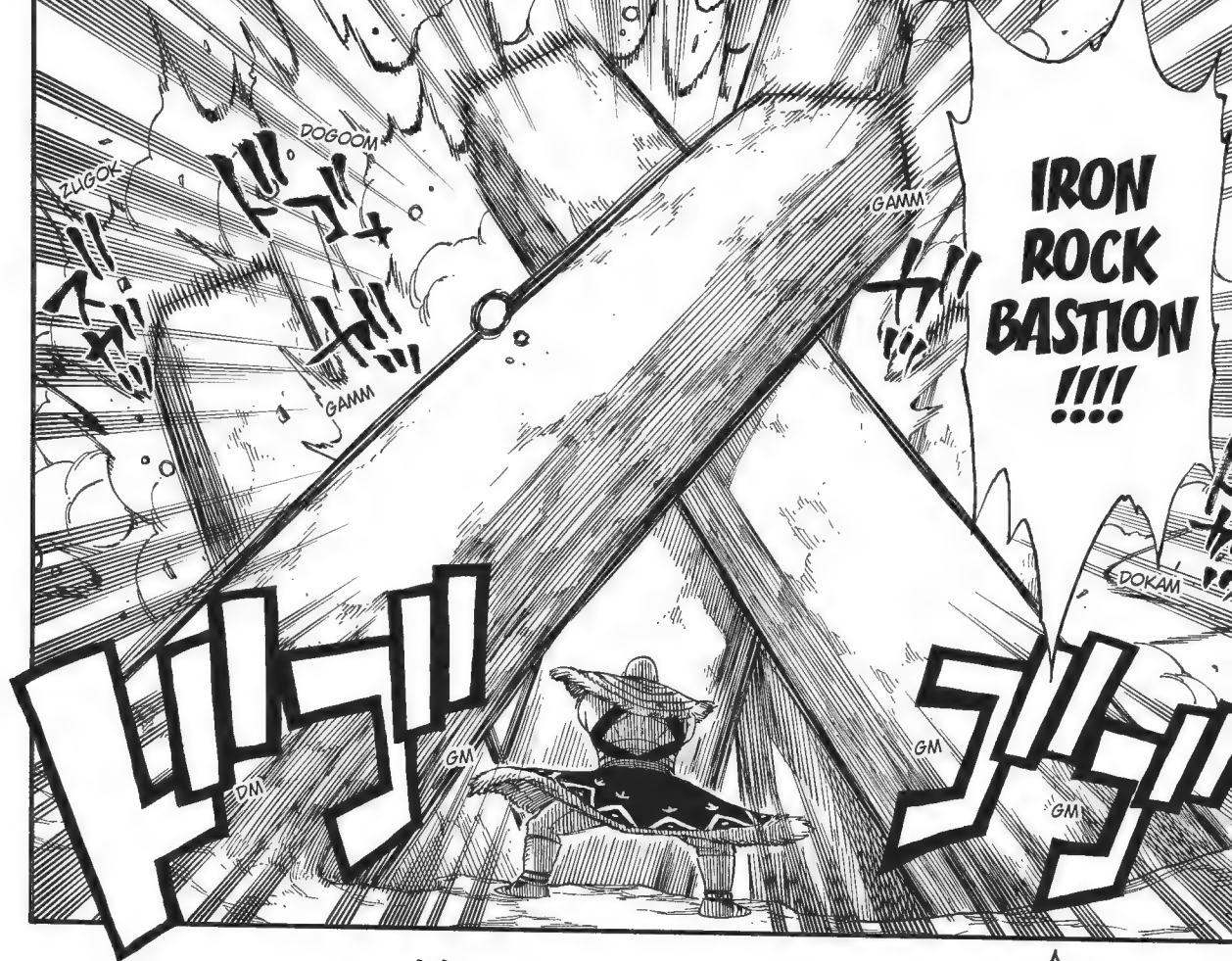


**Chapter 152: Jura of the Ten Saints**

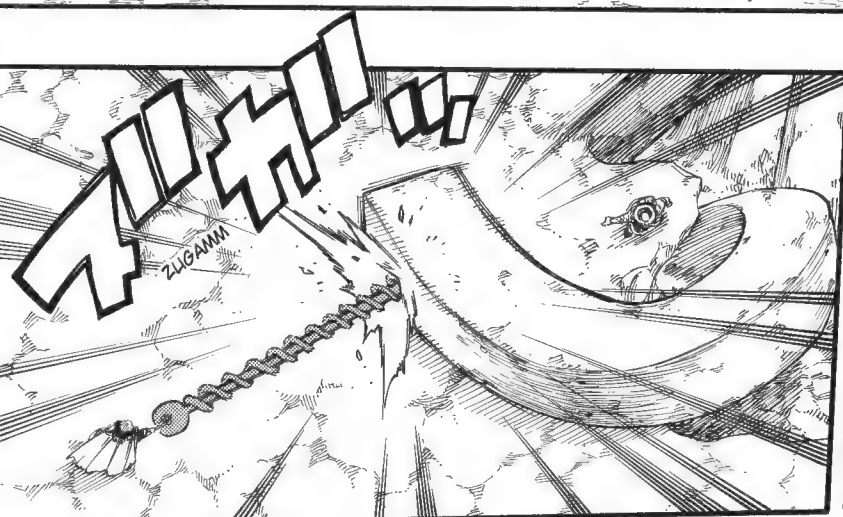
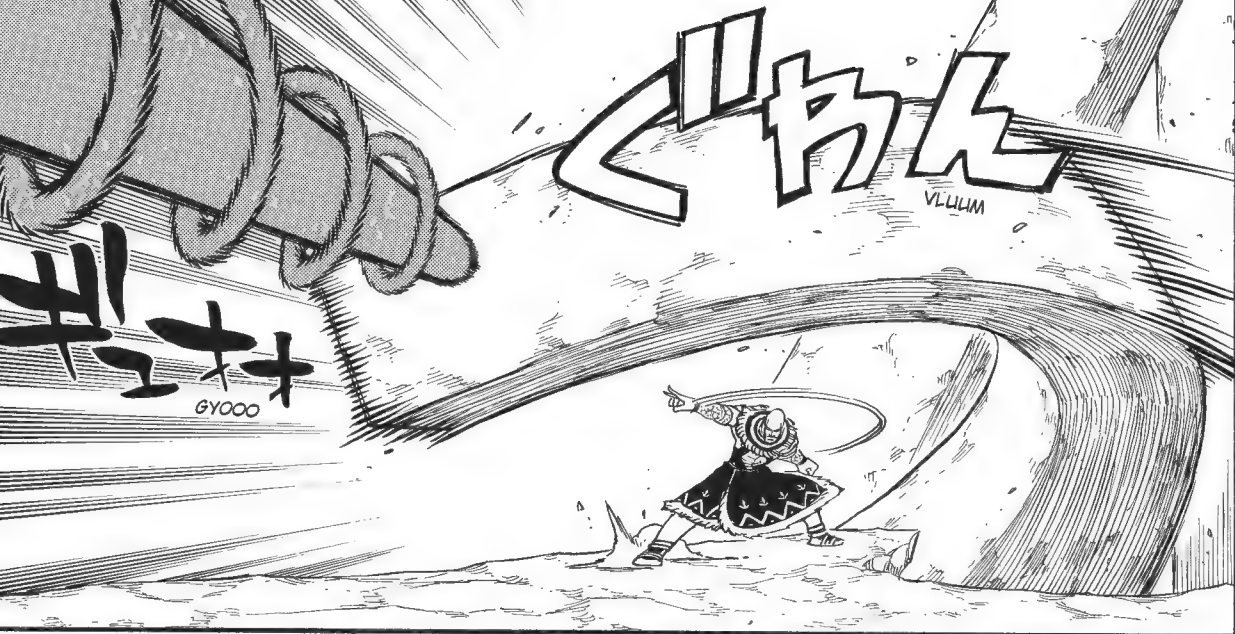










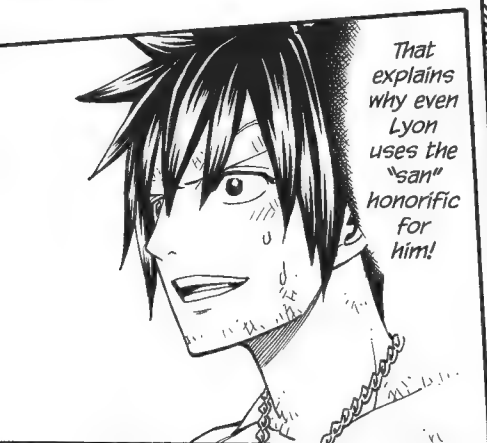












That explains why even Lyon uses the "san" honorific for him!

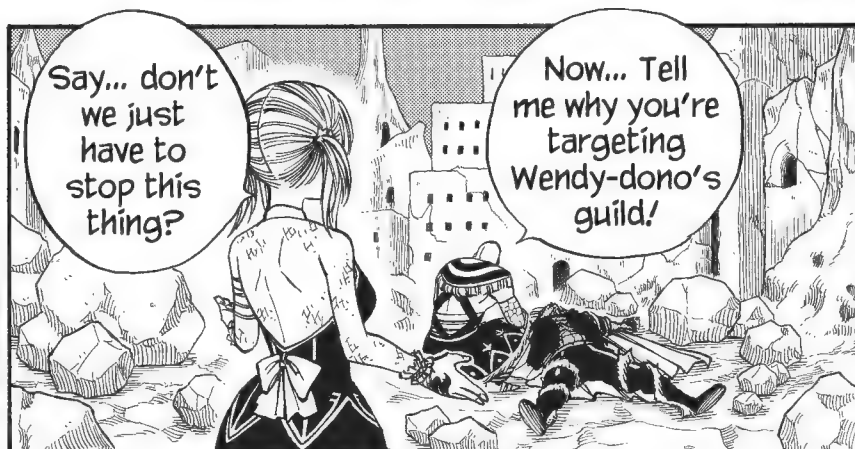


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!!!**



**CONQUEROR  
ROCK-  
BUSTER  
!!!!  
....**







Wait... Didn't one of this guy's face markings just disappear?

D-Don't say creepy things!

Now I'm going to have nightmares about it...



"That one"?



This city... it may be heading for our guild!!!!



Wendy?!

Everybody, we've got trouble!

I knew you people would be behind all this destruction.



The snake guy is passed out over there too.

EEEE!!

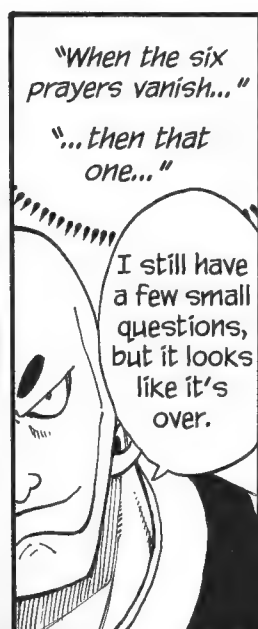
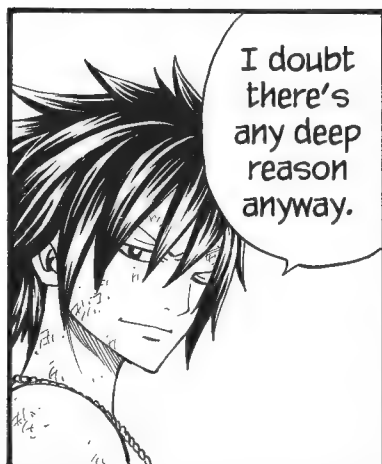


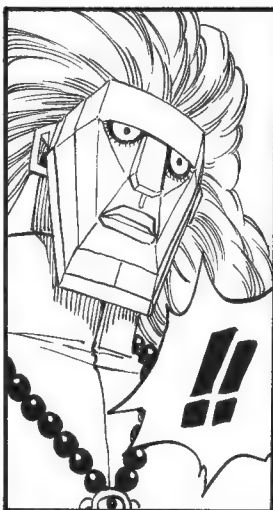
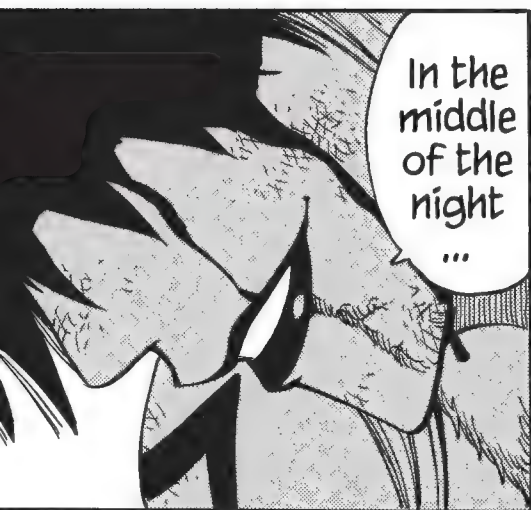
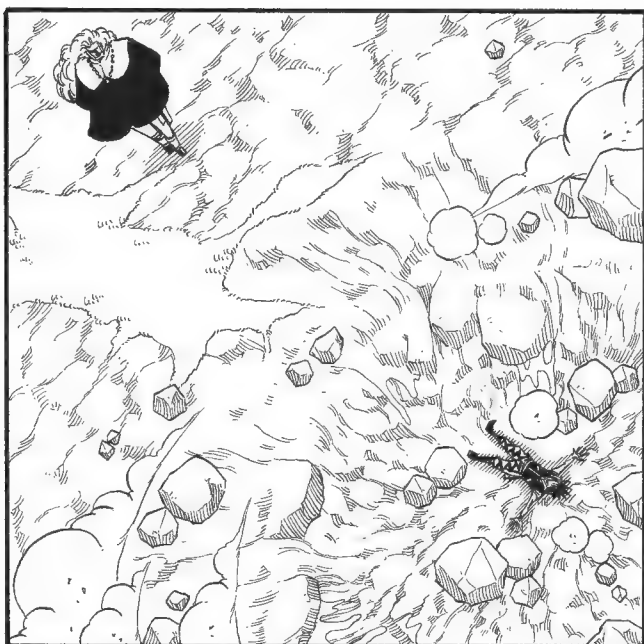
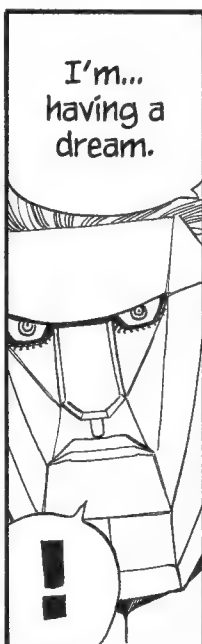
Eh?



I think so, but it's okay now.











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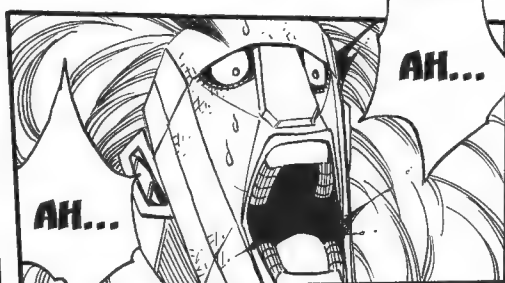
GOSHAAT

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Midnight's  
wounds  
are gone...  
?!!

Magic  
can't  
touch  
me.



AH...

AH...



Better  
even than  
Father.

You see,  
I'm the  
strongest of  
wizards.



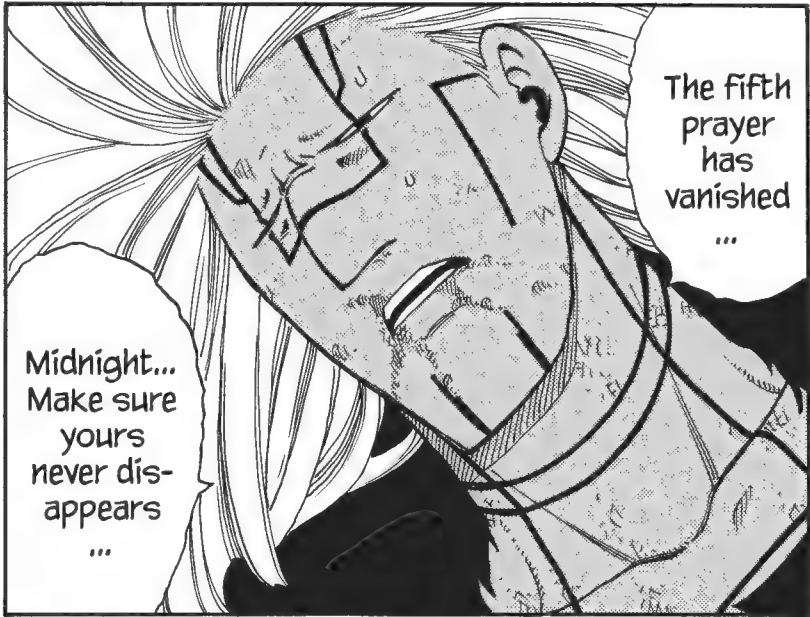
Just  
one  
more  
time, I  
wanted  
to...



Brother...



My  
prayer...



Midnight...  
Make sure  
yours  
never dis-  
appears  
...

The fifth  
prayer  
has  
vanished  
...



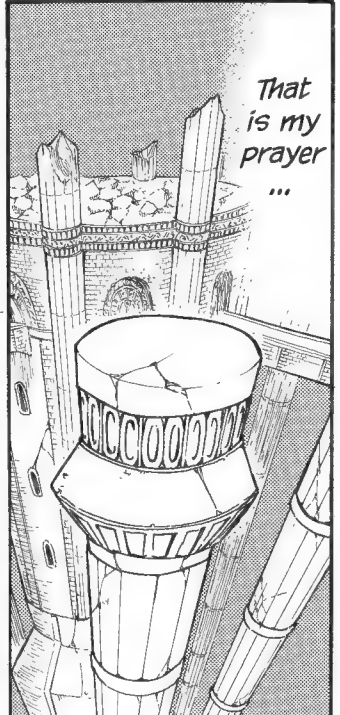
That  
is my  
prayer  
...



Hm...

What is  
this?

What's  
going  
on...?





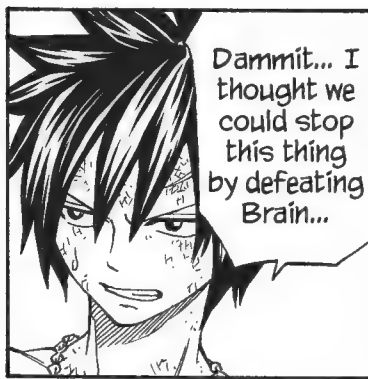


There is  
nothing  
here that  
looks like  
controls  
!!!!

S-So how  
are we going  
to stop it?



We were  
naïve...  
Thinking  
we knew  
how to  
stop it!



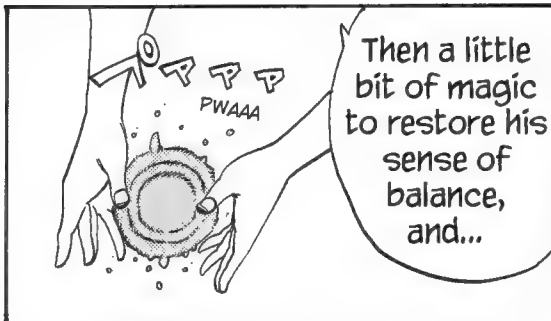
Dammit... I  
thought we  
could stop  
this thing  
by defeating  
Brain...



Nnn...



Motion  
sickness  
?



Then a little  
bit of magic  
to restore his  
sense of  
balance,  
and...

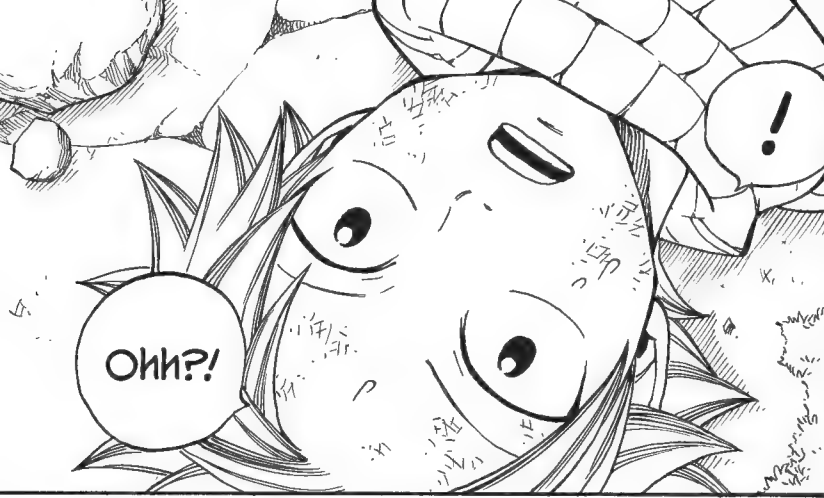


Natsu gets  
motion sick  
really easily.

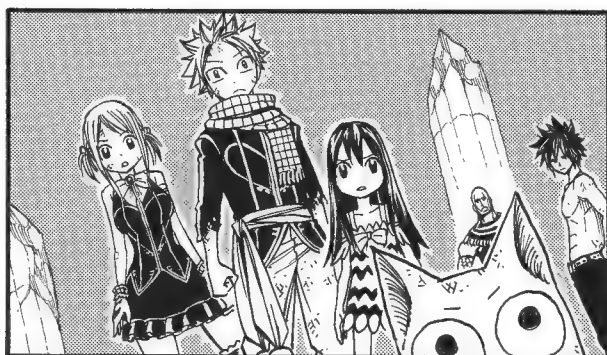
What's the  
matter? I did  
my anti-poison  
spell on Natsu-  
san, but...

Pathetic!

OH...  
...









But even so,  
this thing is  
still moving.

There is no  
pilot's seat;  
there is no one  
in the King's  
Hall; and Brain  
is unconscious.



TREMBLE

TREMBLE



That  
Nirvana  
is already  
set to  
fire?

You  
can't  
mean it's  
on auto-  
pilot?!



Don't worry.  
Your guild  
ain't going  
down!

Think of  
this as my  
thank you.



Our...

...guild  
will...





TO BE CONTINUED

# Afterword

# あとがき

Urano Metoria!! ...Also, Natsu and Happy's mid-air battle!!! Jura's good!! So, with all that, how was Volume 18 for you? Of it all, the Natsu and Happy mid-air battle was something I always wanted to do, and this might be the very first time that Happy has taken part directly in a battle. Actually, with the arrival of Carla, my concept of Happy has undergone a huge change. I can't say anything now, but at some point I'd like to draw the "Happy Chapter." (Such a pleasant name, huh?) Someday.

Now, I never did any calculations to make this happen, but before this one, all of the story arcs have taken about three volumes of the graphic novels to come to an end. But this Oración Seis arc started in 16, and now it's 17 and 18, and it's looks like it's going to continue well into (through?) volume 19. It's probably because there are so many characters, but while I'm drawing, I always seem to forget somebody. Normally, it'd only be Happy that I forget! (Laughs.) And this time, I've completely and fully forgotten Ichiya-sama. That guy... Maybe he'll get to play his part after this... So I'd like to take this opportunity to put up a top-five list of the things I've forgotten.

No. 5: Just as I said above, the existence of Happy. (Sorry! I won't forget again!)

No. 4: Rings and necklaces from a wide variety of characters. (Look for them...On the other hand, you don't have to look.)

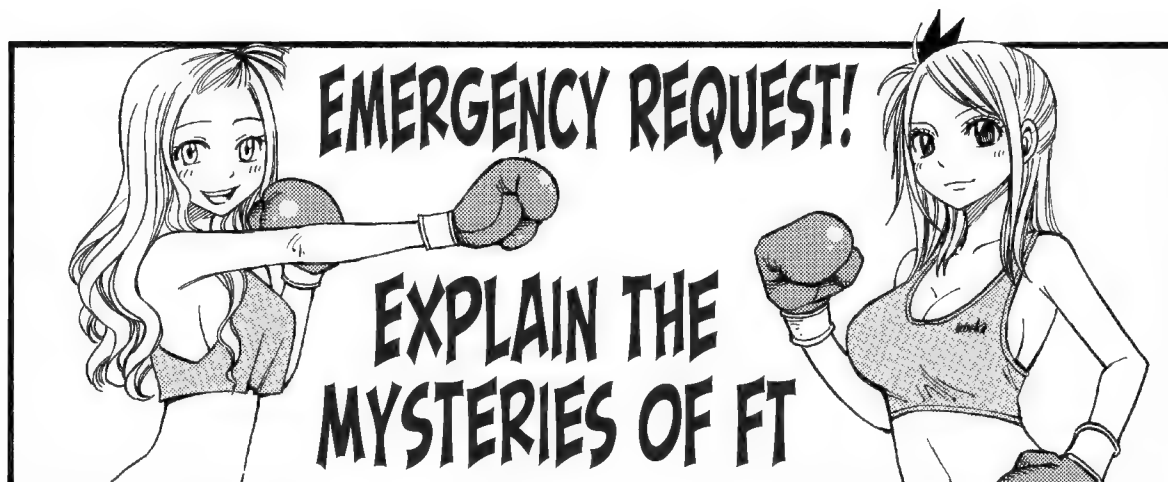
No. 3: Scars from a wide variety of characters (especially Gray's big scar).

No. 2: What Erza's armor looks like. (It's a secret that the design changes every time she appears.)


No. 1: People's faces and names. (Really! I'm so sorry!)

Recently, I've been receiving business cards from all sorts of people. At a recent party, in one day, I received some 50 cards. But I'm terrible at remembering who gave them to me. If I meet you a number of times, I'll remember, but... I'm just a failure as an adult...





### At the Fairy Tail Gym

 : Hah! Hyaah! Hup!

 : Puuunch!!

**Lucy:** So, as you see, today we're coming to you from the gym inside the guild.


**Mira:** Puuunch!!

**Lucy:** First question.

*If Racer only slows the rest of the world down, how come Brain praised his speed?*



**Mira:** Simple flattery, perhaps.

 : But he did actually deliver the coffin in only one hour, right?

**Mira:** True. But it just had to be close by to start with.

**Lucy:** What would it be close for?

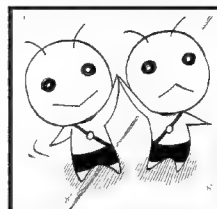
 : Puuunch!!

 : Ow!

**Mira:** Next question!


**Lucy:** I've got a bad feeling about our corner this volume...


*If Angel had Gemini turn into Erza or Midnight, wouldn't they have made quick work of Lucy?*



**Mira:** You lucked out there, Lucy.

**Lucy:** Th-That's true... I wonder why she didn't.


 : Just chance, right?

 : If she had used Ichiya's perfume that destroys people's will to fight, it could have been a real problem too.

**Mira:** I know! Once somebody changes into Ichiya once, they never want to do it again!

**Lucy:** They changed into Gray and me twice, but they never changed into Erza even once.

 : Puuunch!!


 : That's exactly the bad feeling I had!!!

**Mira:** Kiick!!

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Continued from the left-hand page.

**Lucy:** Would you please stop doing that?! You're not planning on beating me up to cover our shame for the entire column, are you?!

 : All of the rules and limitations of Gemini will be explained at a later date.

 : Really?

 : Maybe.

 : ...

**Mira:** And the next question.

*Is Hibiki's magic the Internet?*



**Lucy:** "Internet"?

**Mira:** It's something close to what people call the Internet in the reader's world.

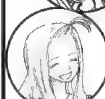
**Lucy:** What is it supposed to be?


**Mira:** Sorry, I don't know much about it myself.

**Lucy:** He said it was about compressing data and transferring it to others faster than it would take to tell them.

**Mira:** Puuunch!!

 : Ow!!

 : Is that what it means?

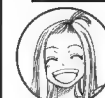
 : Is that what *what* means?!!

**Mira:** Then here's the final question.

*I really didn't like how Cobra was defeated.*



**PUUUNCH!!**

 : W-Wait just a second, Mira-san!! You can't go punching the readers!!

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**Mira:** There are some things that are best left untouched.

**Lucy:** Well, of the Oración Seis characters, he's pretty popular. And that way of being defeated was disappointing.

 : SATAN SOUL!

 : Nooooo!!!

 : Let's be adults about this, Lucy. Sometimes it's good for a wizard to go out that way.

**Lucy:** R-Right!

**Mira:** Besides, it's pretty cool! I'm sure he'll go down in legends as

**THE GUY WHO WAS DEFEATED BY A LOUD YELL!**

 : For something going unsaid, you just said it pretty loud!!



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Osaka, Mekagon

► So what is Mira-chan doing these days?



Gunma Prefecture, Kitty Panu

► So who gave him the hickey on his cheek?



Mie Prefecture, Ryû Sakuya

► I love seeing a sparkly Erza every now and again.



Tokyo, Saechan

► Lucy and Happy have become one!!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Nakajima

► His time to shine is coming...maybe.



Tokyo, (older sister in the strongest sister team)

► A fan from my previous series? Thank you!



Chiba Prefecture, Saori Ogura

► There were a lot of entries celebrating the anime this time! Thanks so much! Keep watching, everybody!



Mie Prefecture, Choko

► Levy-chan! She gets a lot bigger part in the anime and games!!



Osaka Prefecture, Momoko Azuma

► The letters of support for Wendy don't let up.



Toyama Prefecture, Asako Matsukura

► Everybody's costumes have been switched!! Weird!!



Nagano Prefecture, I Love the Mountains

► Sexy Juvia arrives!! Uwa ha ha!



Hyogo Prefecture, Roamla

► This is an incredibly rare coupling.



Okayama Prefecture, Kinkuma Datzu

► Is that Bobby? That's Bobby, right?

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Aichi Prefecture, Daisuke Noda

► And what's going to happen in the love story of these two people (animals)?!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Hashimochan

► Are these two people (animals?) buddies or something?



## FROM HIRO MASHIMA



This is a photo of my Tokyo Game Show event. I go every year just to have fun, but this time I was a part of an event. It was a slightly surreal feeling.

I'm sure some of you out there are aware of it, but *Fairy Tail* will soon come out as a game. It's actually a lot of fun. I'm really looking forward to its release!!

# Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

## Page 19, Tetrabiblos

The founder of the Ptolemaic system, Claudius Ptolemy, wrote a four-part book series describing the heavens called the Tetrabiblos – The Four Books. One of the most important works of ancient astrology, the Tetrabiblos describes the constellations of the zodiac and their astrological influence on the world. Within the system, the Earth was a fixed point with the heavens spinning around it in complicated circles-within-circles. Its view of the universe was adopted by the Catholic Church until the time of Galileo and Copernicus some 1500 years after Ptolemy's writings.

## Page 19, 88 Stars of the Heavens

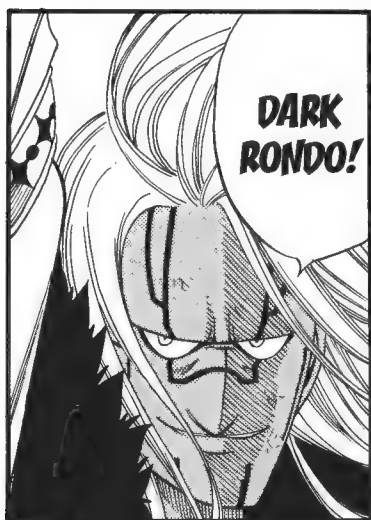
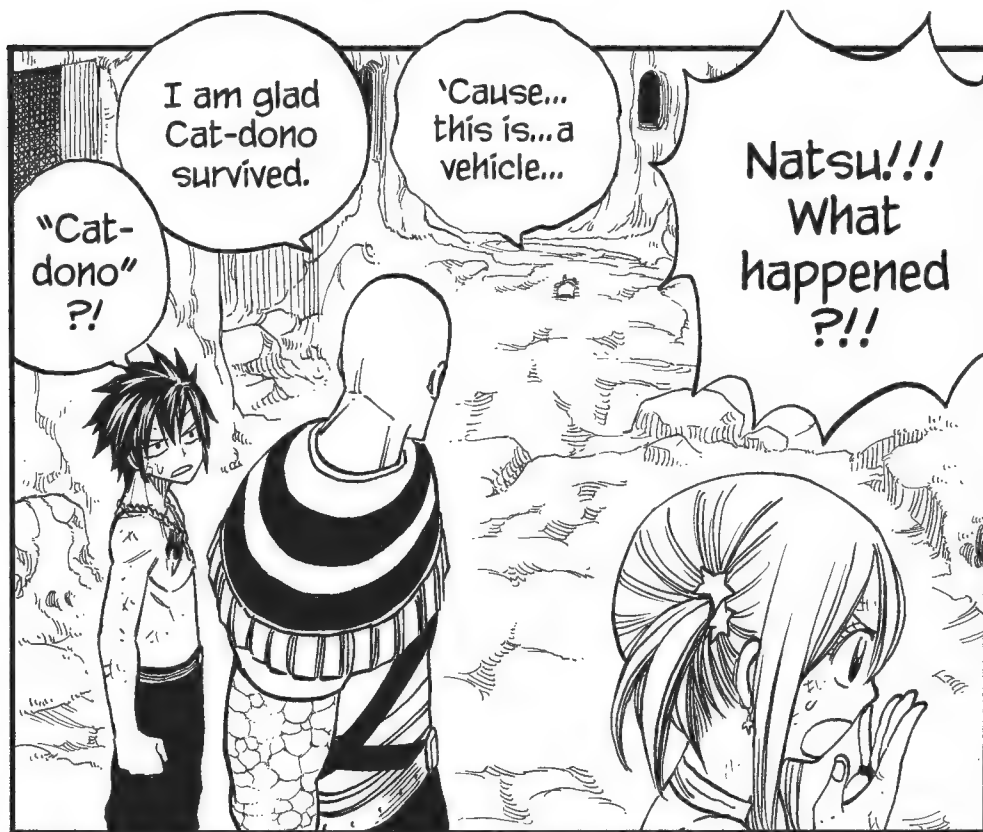
Looking up at a night sky, you'd realize there are far more than 88 stars. What this is referring to is the 88 official constellations that astronomers use to divide and chart the night sky. Each constellation represents a region of the sky and is based on the ancient Greek charts of the heavens.





## Page 158, Cat-dono

The honorific, -dono comes from the word *tono* which means "lord." So calling someone by that honorific is like adding a "my lord" to the name. Like some very polite people add the honorific -sama to every name they utter, Jura adds -dono to names. But still, cats are usually given "cute" honorifics like -chan, and only sometimes jokingly referred to as -san. Adding such a respectful honorific as -dono to a cat's name would surprise any listener.



## Page 169, Dark Rondo

As described in the notes for Volume 16, "Rondo" means a theme that is repeated many times in music.

## Page 169, Dark Capriccio

Like Rondo, Capriccio is a musical term describing a piece of music that is lively, bright, and free-form. It's taken from the same root word as the English word "capricious" comes from, which indicates that it is music performed at the musician's whim. The form was most popular among 17th century keyboard musicians.

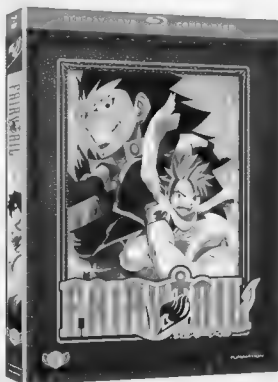
## Page 175, Lyon uses “san”

As you might note from the portrayal of Lyon in the manga, Lyon doesn't use honorifics very often because he does not think many people are worthy of his respect. So when Lyon uses the honorific, -san, for Jura, it shows more respect than Lyon is likely to give anyone else. For normal people, -san is a normal honorific that can be applied to nearly everyone, but for someone like Lyon, the use of -san is like the use of -sama for anyone else.





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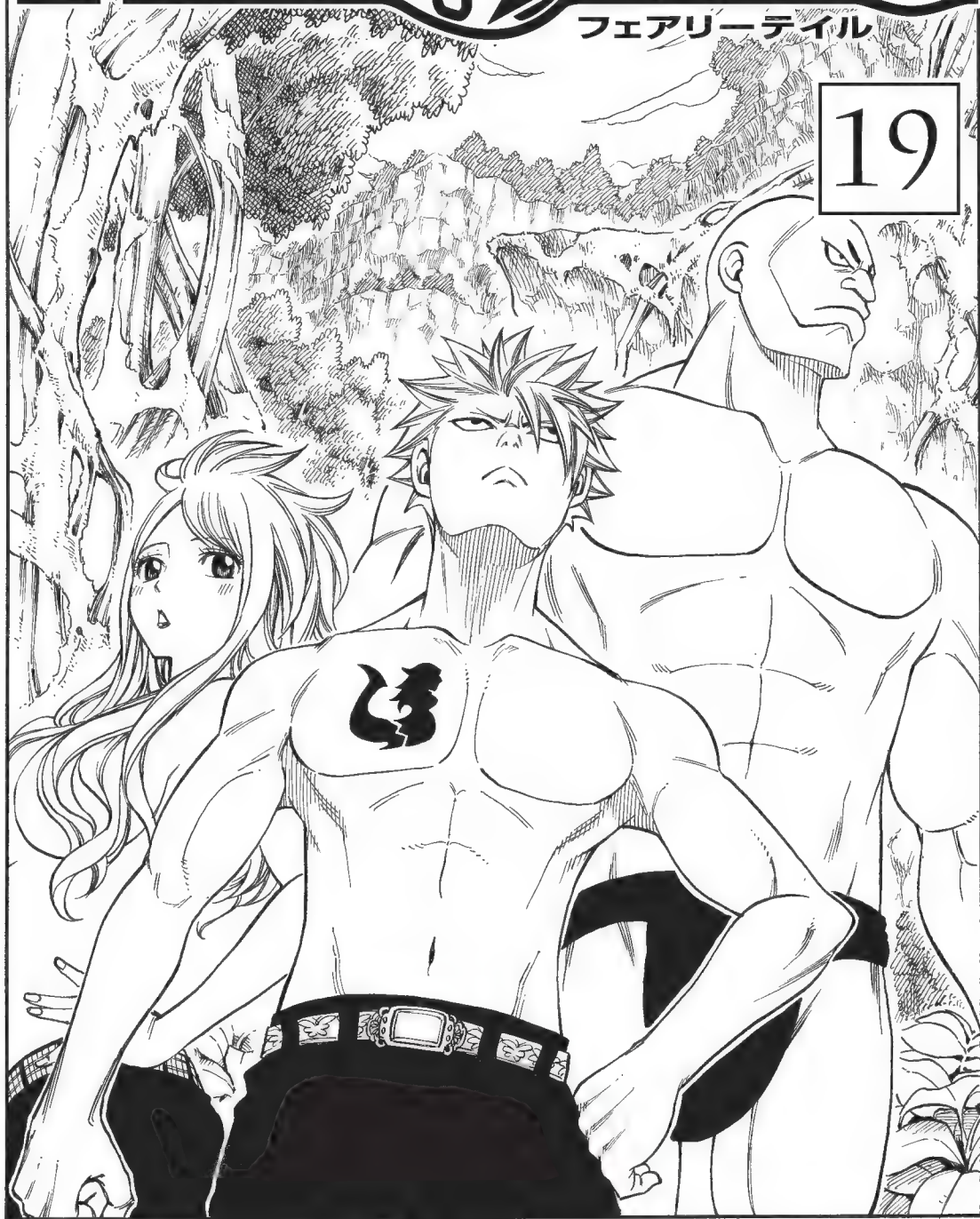
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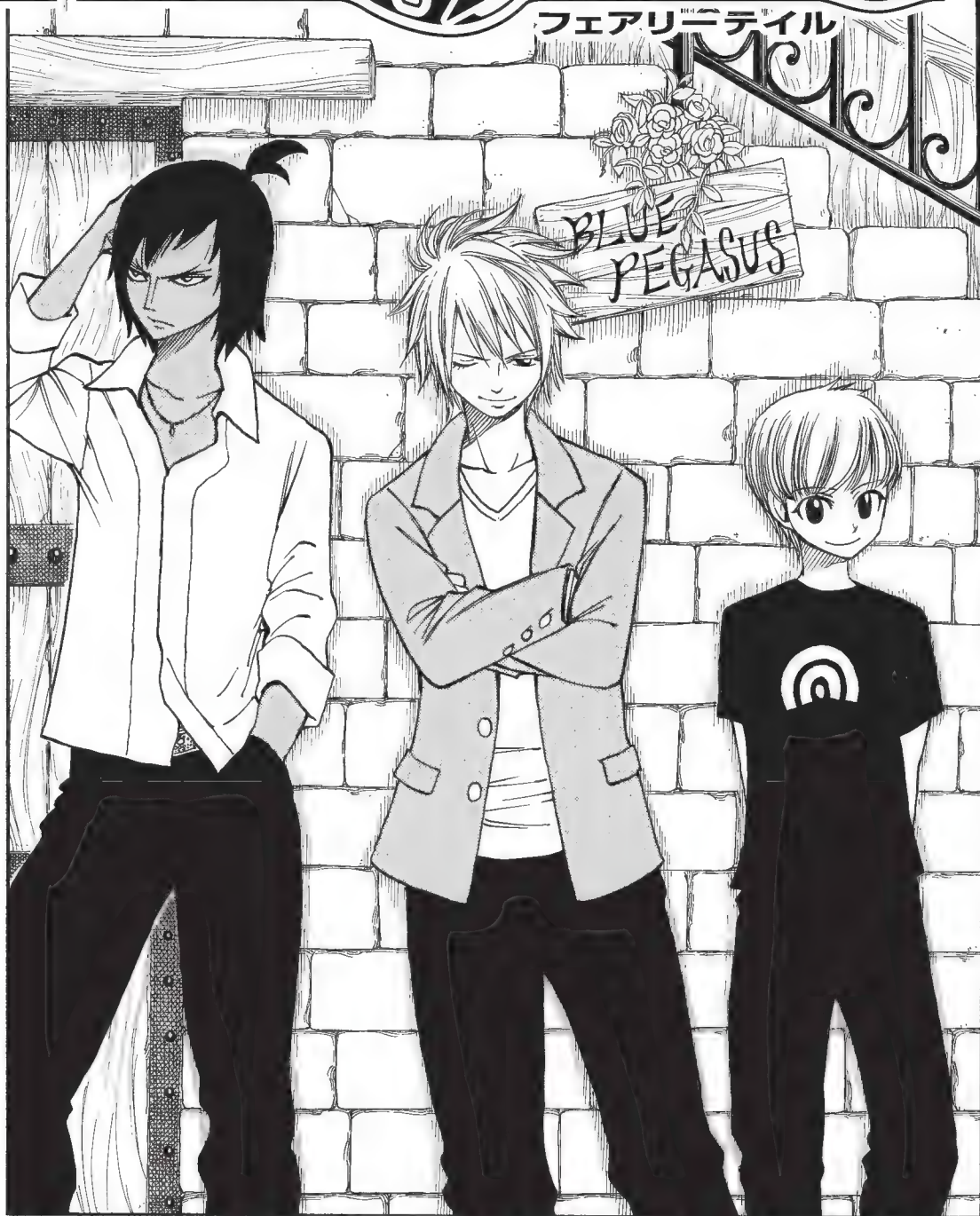
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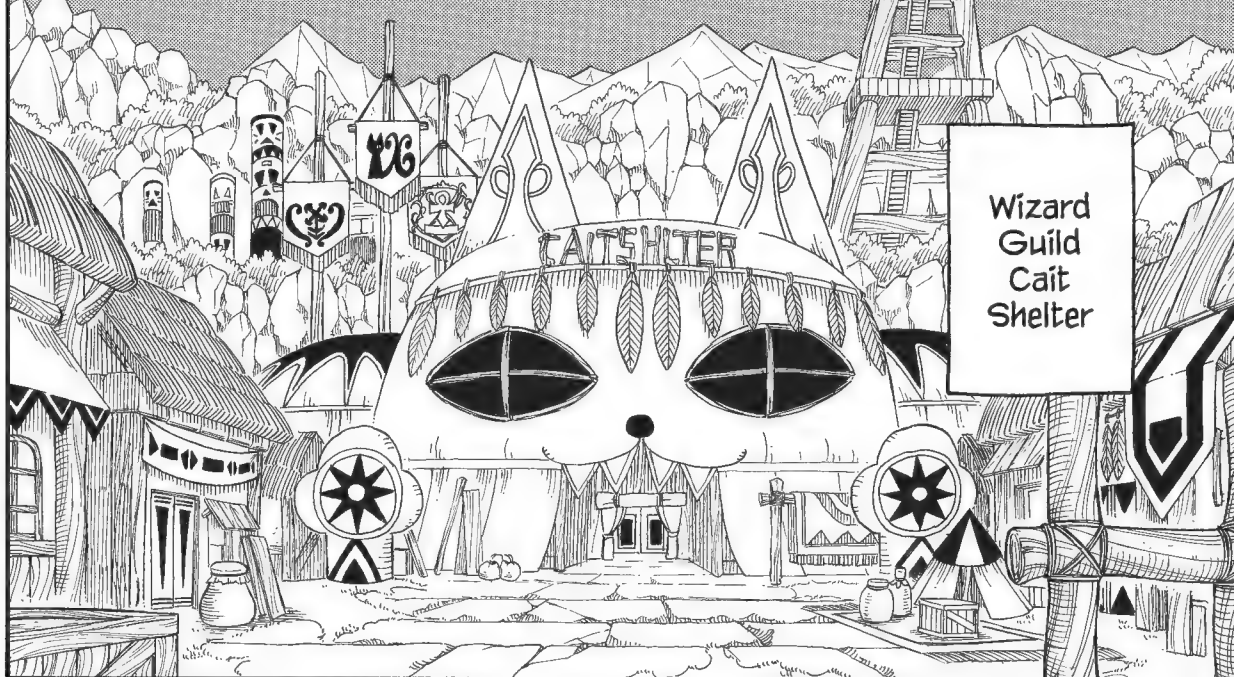
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**Chapter 153, Counter Attack in  
the Middle of the Night**





Wizard  
Guild  
Cait  
Shelter



CHATTER

What  
?!

So the  
allied forces'  
mission  
failed?!

Wait,  
didn't  
they have  
both  
Jura and  
Erza...?



DOTMP TMP TMP TMP

Every-  
body,  
this is  
bad!!!

Nirvana is  
heading  
this  
way!!!



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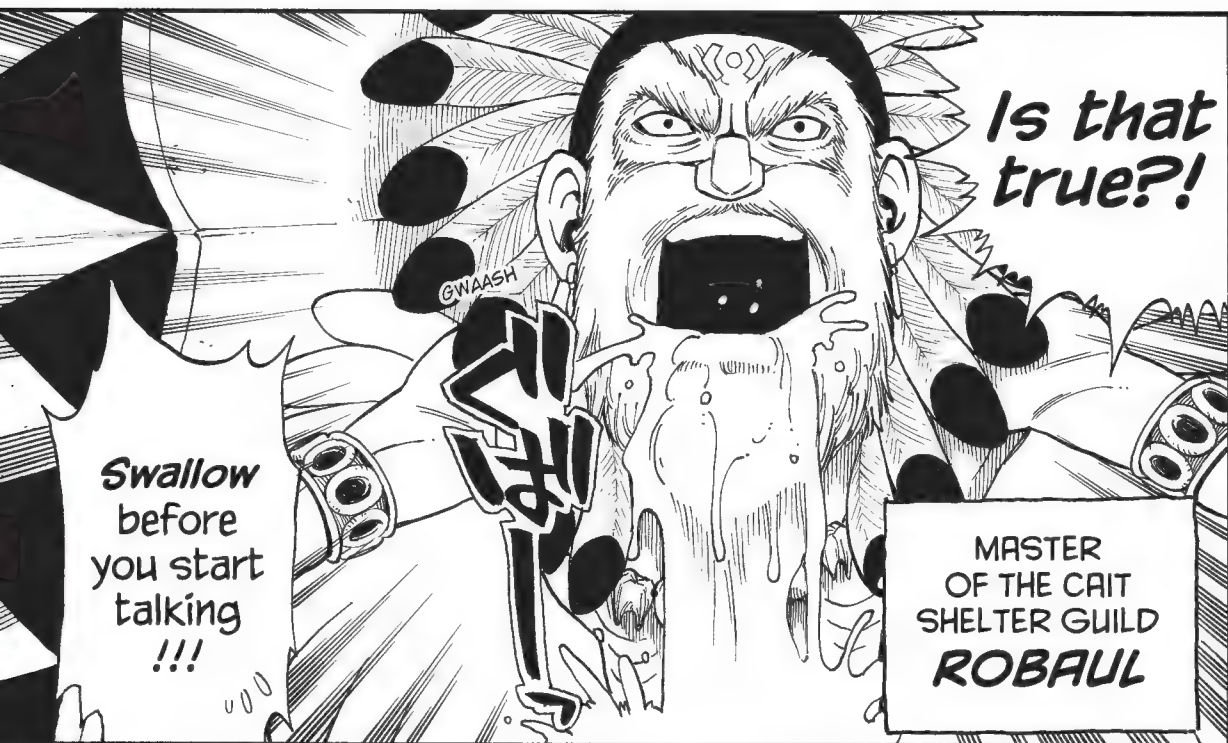
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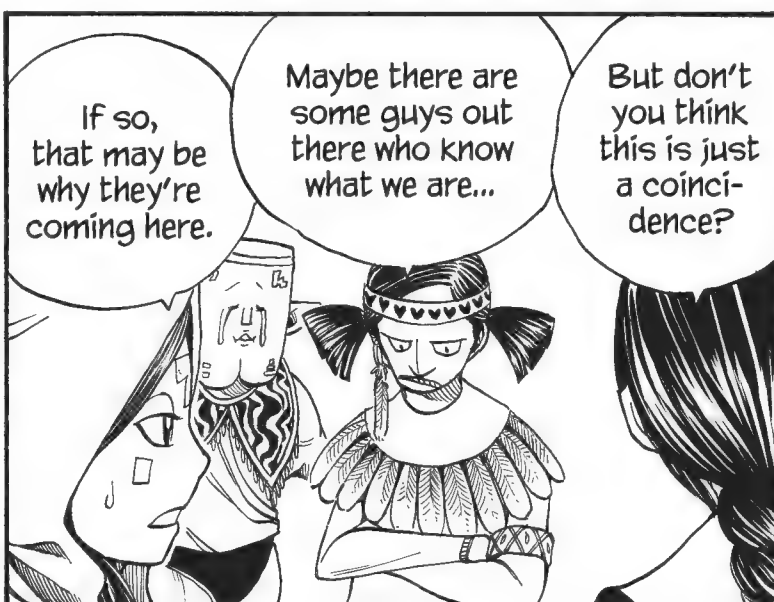
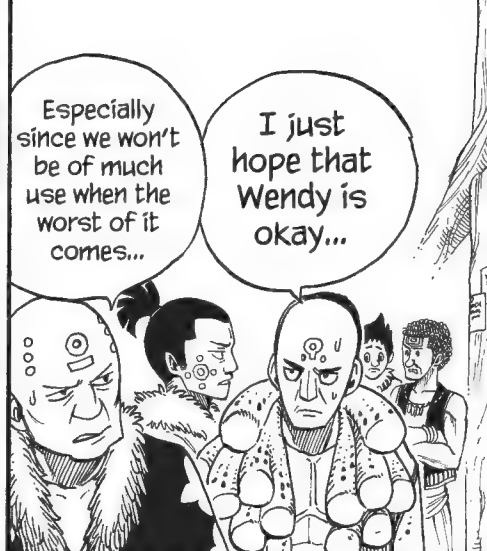


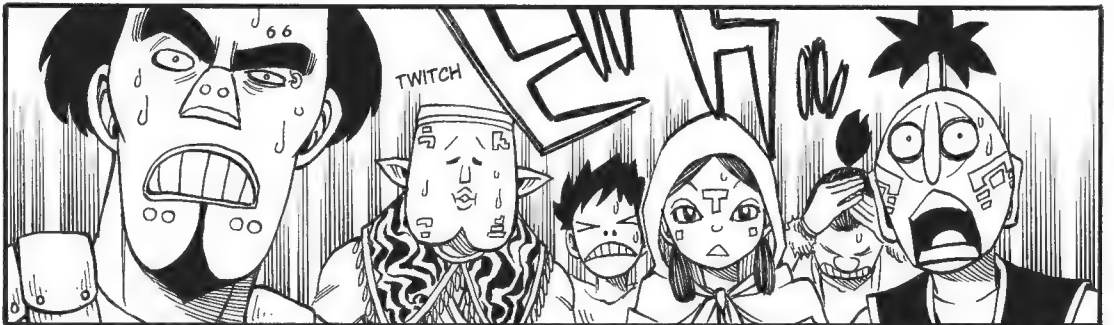
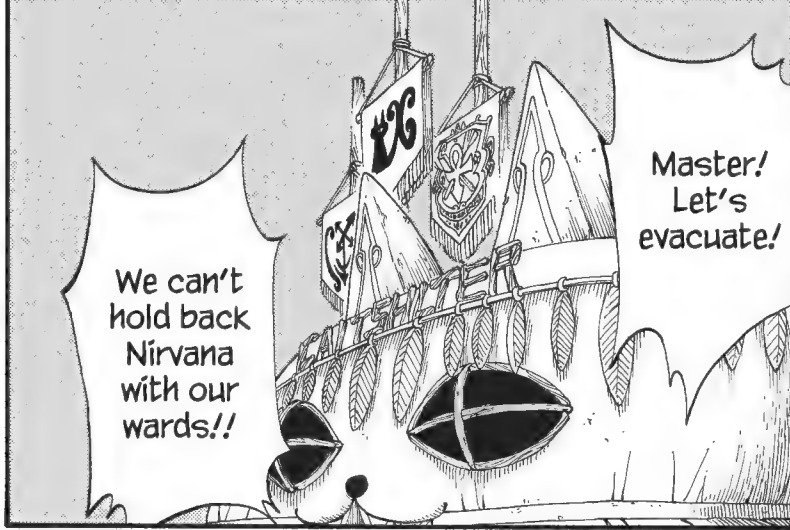
Nabura!

Master  
!!!

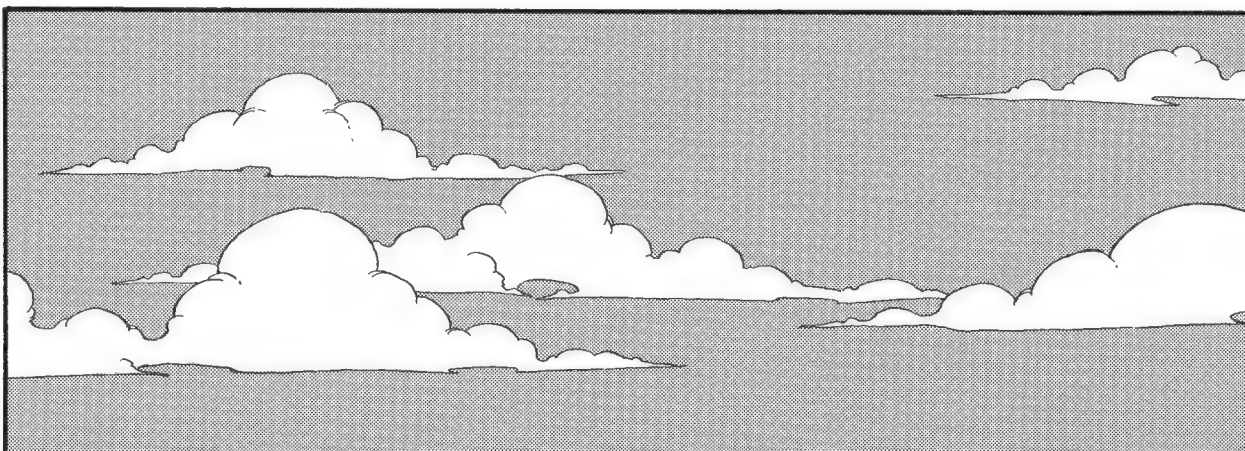
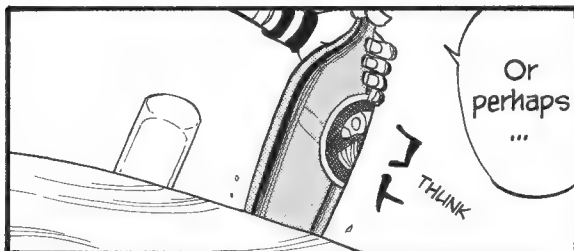
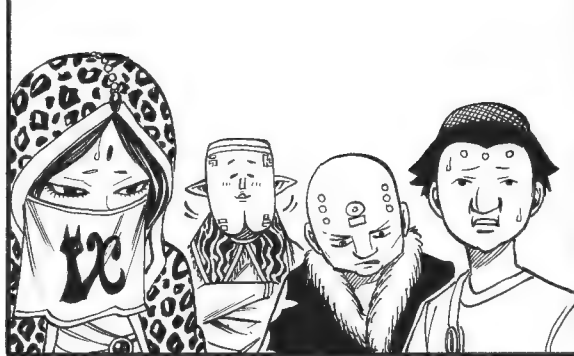




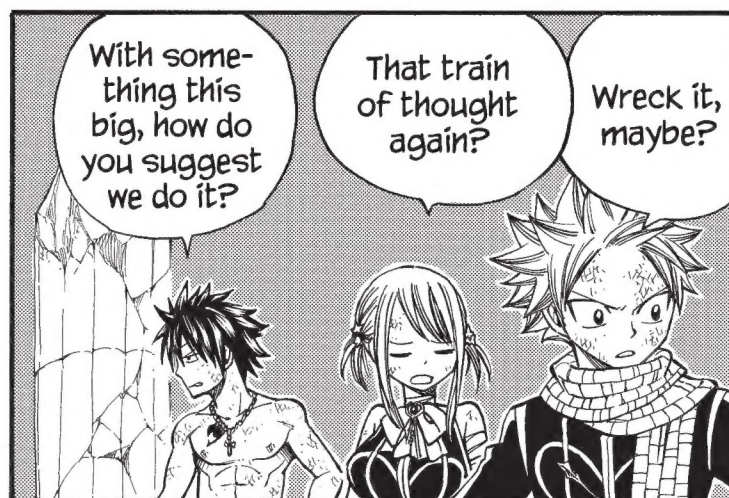
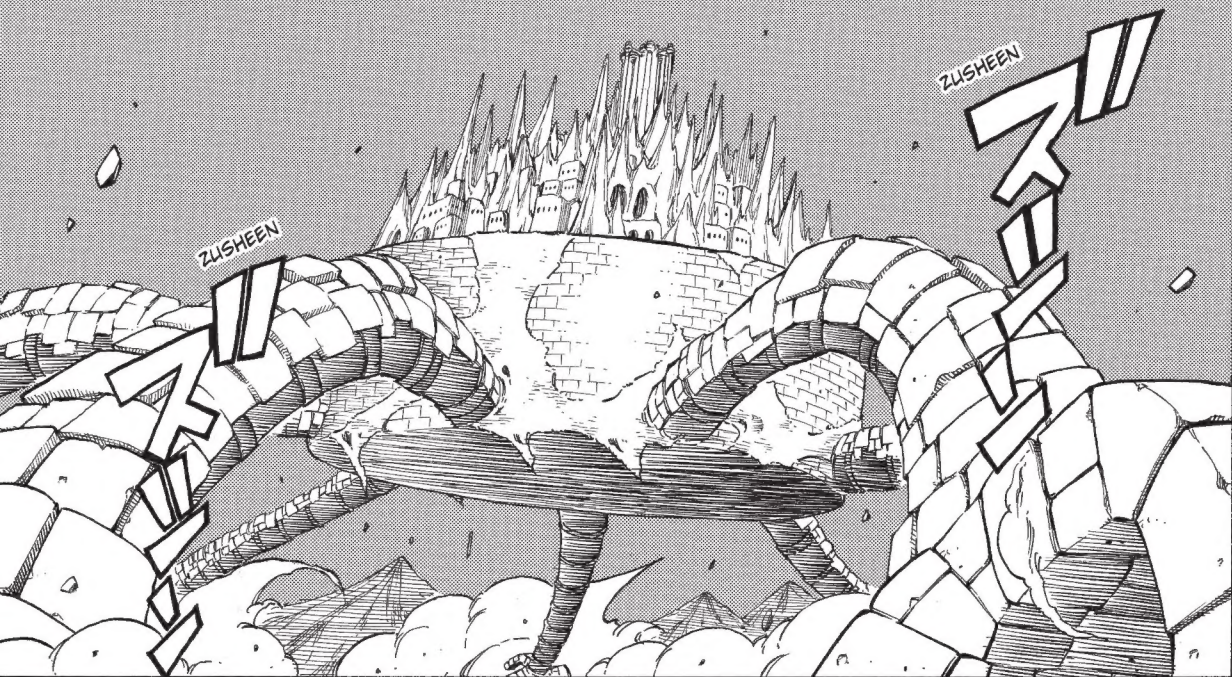








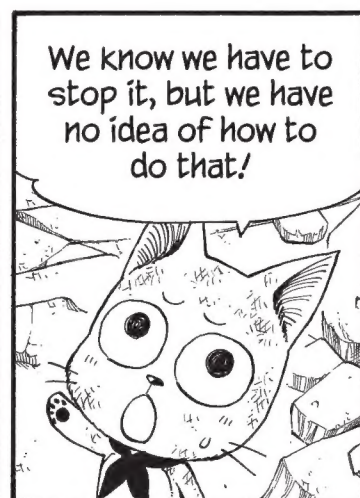




With something this big, how do you suggest we do it?

That train of thought again?

Wreck it, maybe?



We know we have to stop it, but we have no idea of how to do that!



Or maybe Jellal could...



You think he'd tell us so easily?



I believe asking Brain is the quickest way.



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